

COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS
385 Concord Avenue
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

August 7, 1959

To Present Members And Prospective Members:

The enemy has delivered himself into our hands -- if we have the courage to seize the opportunity.

If we can swell the protest against Khrushchev's visit to sufficient volume, both he and his cohorts within our government will back down and postpone that visit indefinitely -- as recently happened in connection with his planned visit to Sweden. And such a showing of anti-Communist strength in this country could mark the turning of the tide against the Communist advance.

Enclosed is the first draft of a proposed full-page newspaper advertisement. When set in type it will leave plenty of white space on the page for greatest effectiveness. The advertisements would be prepared by and placed through one of the largest advertising agencies in Boston, and we would have the best professional advice in connection with every technical part of the operation.

The fifty largest daily newspapers in the United States have a combined total circulation of about thirty-three million. The cost of a full page in all fifty papers would be about \$140,000 for space. Reprints and additional expenses to get the most possible impact out of the campaign per dollar spent would run the total cost up to about \$175,000. It is our objective to reach an audience of at least the size thus indicated.

The agency, which gives business regularly to many of these papers, would make politely clear our intention of giving widest practicable publicity to the list of periodicals which refused to carry our advertisement. The prestige of the total names on our committee would help to ensure that few papers did so. If we did have some refusals, nevertheless, we would simply reach down further, for additional papers of smaller circulation, until we had our total distribution of approximately thirty-three million.

We believe that a protest through the press on this scale, plus the millions of signatures which would pour into the White House, plus other forms and quantities of protests inspired by our action, would constitute an articulate opposition which could not be ignored. If the pro-Communist clique in Washington feels strong enough and brazen enough to ignore it, we believe that the carrying out of their

plans would force a decisive showdown of some nature.

Our "enemies within" clearly expect, by continued subtle seizure of power, to dare the anti-Communists to civil war in this country when the Communists are ready. We don't think they have reached that stage yet. But the proposed exchange of visits, between Khrushchev and Eisenhower, will certainly improve and consolidate the Communists' position. If there must be a showdown, let's face it now, before they are ready or expect it. We believe the pro-Communists will back down instead, as they always do in the face of a firm show of strength and determination. And we couldn't have a better issue on which to draw the lines. Please read the suggested advertisement and see if you do not agree.

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We are asking the following of each man (or woman) who gets this letter.

1. If you are already a member of this committee, your consent to remain a member for the action proposed.

2. If you are not now a member of this committee, and this letter is addressed to you (that is, the individually written covering letter is addressed to you), please consider it as an invitation to join. Except for the officers, executive committee, and National Board, we shall not publicize the names of the members of this committee at any time without your permission. But we need the added strength of your membership, for without a sufficiently powerful committee we shall not move at all.

3. Send a check, made out to the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS, to the address on this correspondence or to Mr. Robert Welch, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. We shall neither spend, nor commit ourselves to spend, any money that we do not already have on hand. Both receipts and expenditures will be audited by a nationally known firm of accountants, and a final report sent to each contributor.

Make your check for \$5,000.00, or \$2,000.00, or \$1,000.00, according to your financial substance and circumstances. (Those fine patriots on this committee who obviously cannot deal in such figures are assured that their contributions on a more modest scale will be equally appreciated, and their perhaps even greater sacrifices fully recognized.) And do it now. We shall have to pay for these advertisements with cash on the barrel head, and cannot move until we see the money.

Up to \$200,000.00 we shall spend all money received, as effectively as we possibly can. Any amount above that will be refunded pro rata in proportion to the original contributions. If

the project is called off, for lack of sufficient support, or for any other reason before we are obligated to pay for advertising space, all money received will be refunded, and the office of your chairman will stand the overhead expense involved. (We have stood the few thousand dollars used for the CASE petitions and their distribution so far, without asking for any help. But of course we cannot do so for this immensely larger undertaking.)

Obviously no tax exemption for your contributions is even remotely possible. This is a struggle in which the effort, to be worth while, will hurt. We are not engaged in a game, or a contest that anybody likes or wanted. But being hit in your bank account now is far better than being hit over the head with a Communist rifle butt later. And we do not have to tell the people on this list that we are not imagining things, nor exaggerating the danger. We don't know that you can save your country and your family by spending money, but we are quite sure you will not save either if you do not spend it. And what we are talking about here is a terrifically small amount, for so strategic and effective an opening against so powerful an enemy.

This enemy is counting on edging us little by little and step by step into a position where our cause is hopeless. Shall we take it lying down, and throw away the rights of our children to the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited? It is time to become starkly realistic about what is now so clearly happening to both. Let's take the initiative at least -- now -- and fight back while we still can. There will never be a better chance.

Sincerely and seriously yours,

Robert Welch

Please consider this whole communication strictly confidential at the minute. We'll advise you when any news about this activity can be released. RW

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August 12, 1959

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
46 West Monroe
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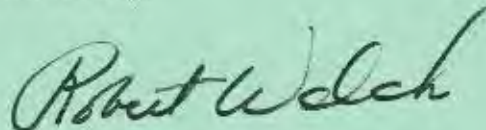
Dear Mr. Brophy:

Under separate cover today, I am sending you by registered first-class mail, return receipt requested, copy of an extremely confidential document.

This manuscript is not intended for publication at all. But I am putting it into the hands of a limited number of good friends and outstanding patriots, who can be depended on to treat it with the confidence requested, and to take reasonable precautions to safeguard the document while it is in their possession. And I do believe that it will give even so well informed a man as yourself a certain amount of additional insight into some aspects of the conspiracy which we face.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

RW:mlp

P. S. You are one of the few men I do not really know personally to whom I am sending this manuscript. But I know so much about your patriotic outlook and purposes, through friends of yours who are also friends of mine, that I feel it is entirely safe to do so. RW

August 13, 1959

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
46 West Monroe
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Brophy:

On December 8 and 9 a small group of men from different parts of the country met with me in Indianapolis. Several of them were men as really busy and crowded for time as can be found anywhere in the United States. So you can be sure I would not have asked them to give up two whole days plus travel time if I had not felt that the reasons were worth while. And the same reasons prompt this letter to yourself.

As a result of the Indianapolis meeting a movement was started which is now growing very rapidly in several states. Because there is no easy formula or simple program for turning back the forces of evil which endanger all that we have inherited, it really does take two full days to explain -- with desirable discussion breaks -- the background, methods, and purposes of our effort. But we can promise that you will not be bored. Enclosed with this letter is a memorandum giving some comments from a number of our country's leading industrialists and scholars (including three recent presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers), who have attended these small two-day meetings. And eight of the men on that list have heard the whole presentation twice.

This presentation is one integrated story, with each part depending on all of the other parts; and those who have heard it agree that there is no way it can be condensed further without serious loss of value. It will be given at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19; at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 22 and 23; and at the Olympic in Seattle on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26. It will begin at nine o'clock on the first day and finish about five o'clock on the second day, in all three instances. You are hereby cordially invited to whichever of these meetings you can attend with the least hardship on yourself.

You will be my guest for luncheon on both days. You will be in a small group of excellent company (this invitation is not transferable). There will be no charge, no solicitation, and no obligation. There will be no publicity, as our whole ob-

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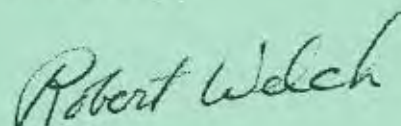
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jective is to build strength and understanding rather than create noise. We ask only that you come on time for the start, and stay through the whole session, or do not come at all.

Let me repeat my assurance that I am fully conscious of the value of your time. In asking for so much of it I do not make the request lightly. The meeting is not for pleasure nor for superficial purposes. If you can let me know that you will attend, I shall be appreciative of your confidence, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you in either Los Angeles, San Francisco, or Seattle.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

RW:cf

August 21st, 1959

Mr. Robert Welch
AMERICAN OPINION
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

I wish to acknowledge your several recent letters which I find in Phoenix after a two month absence in the northwest. I also wish to thank you for the book with the Eisenhower story. I was familiar with many phases of that story, but it contains a lot of valuable information that I did not have.

I was quite interested in learning about your proposed meetings in California, and I will certainly try to attend. Very likely I will get up to San Francisco for the September 22nd meeting. I notice that you are going to hold a meeting in Seattle, and I would suggest that you consult your Seattle friends about inviting Mrs. Neal Tourtelotte. She is the Republican National Committee Woman for Washington, and is an extremely outspoken and intelligent person. Basically, she is on our side, but she is also a politician and looks at most questions with a definitely political slant. I gathered from my last conversation with her she feels that our side has been over playing its role, has not stuck too closely to the truth, etc. She criticizes HUMAN EVENTS and NATIONAL REVIEW. She apparently wrote to Bill Buckley and got a somewhat flippant or careless reply, which did not altogether surprise me. Any rate, this woman is important, so I suggest you discuss inviting her with whoever is handling your Seattle representation.

I gather your approach is largely among business and professional people. This is great, if it is true. As a class, these people are more ignorant than any group I know on basic political subjects. I have been associated with bankers and that type for years, so I have had a good opportunity to study their ignorance.

I was interested in your proposal for newspaper advertising at the time of the Krushchev visit. I will be pleasantly surprised if you are able to raise the sum of money you suggested to get this done. In the event that particular project fails to materialize, what do you think of the possibility of getting a large one page ad done with a large mourning band and plenty of white to call upon the people of each city in which Krushchev is visiting to proclaim a day of mourning and urge people to go to their various churches to pray for the deliverance of the captive people behind the Iron Curtain and in Russia and China? Such an appeal should be briefly stated in simple language which would be characterized with both dignity and humility. In other words, I am probably taking a leaf out of Gandhi's book of passive resistance.

No one could question the propriety of this suggestion and it would perhaps tend to eliminate the futile demonstrations which may otherwise occur in various cities and be used by our left-wing press to enhance the Krushchev prestige. If this suggestion were properly carried out in every city Mr. K. visits, I believe it would have a very sobering effect on the multitudes which certain factions in our State Department are attempting to brainwash.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

August 25, 1959

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
Phoenix
Arizona

Dear Mr. Brophy:

This is primarily just to acknowledge your letter of August 21, and to tell you how glad I am that you expect to be at our San Francisco meeting on September 22 and 23.

You can readily imagine the pressure we under here, with all of the activity of the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS added to everything else. So I'll simply have to skip any discussion of some of the points raised in your letter. Let me say, however, that for the next week or more we shall certainly concentrate our attention on the effort to swell the protest to such a volume that Khrushchev will change his mind and "postpone" his visit. If we fail in this, we shall feel that we have still brought a lot of important information to the attention of millions of the American people, at a time and in a way when they will read it, and that neither our effort nor the money supplied us will have been wasted.

As to the chances of carrying through completely the ambitious program which we set out, of course I do not yet know. But the prospects probably look better at this minute than you would have anticipated. With the first ads really just starting to come out this morning, we have already received about or slightly over forty thousand dollars in direct contributions; at least ten thousand dollars of advertising has been supplied us by people running our full page in various publications, without any cost to ourselves; and the long distance telephone has been busy all day today, with calls from others, who have just seen the advertisement, and are asking authorization to run the same ad in their local papers, at their expense and without any cost to us. Maybe we are just too optimistic or hopeful, but it does seem to us that we can see and feel a ball beginning to roll this morning, which could roll far enough, fast enough, to reach the whole goal we originally established.

You are quite correct that my own work and efforts are largely with and through the help of business and professional leaders. And while it is true that, as a class, these people have been apathetic and very slow to take hold and in many cases quite opportunistic, there is a sizable percentage of

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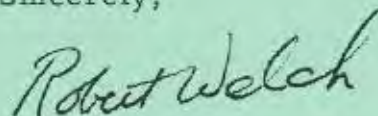
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exceptions to the rule. A great many of the best of these exceptions throughout the country happen to be good personal friends of mine, with whom I worked closely in one way or another during the seven years I was on the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers; and as a consequence I have been getting excellent and encouraging support from many of these men -- both morally and financially -- in quite a few of my efforts. And if we can wake up enough of the business community in time, to the seriousness of the situation, there is enough money and courage and patriotism there to enable us to save for our children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco early in the morning of Tuesday, September 22, and with all good wishes in the meantime, I am,

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

RW:rc

October 2, 1959

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
46 West Monroe
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Brophy:

The three Blue Books which you ordered with your letter of September 28 are going forward to you today. And the remainder of your check, covering my study on THE POLITICIAN, is much appreciated.

I am delighted, and grateful, that you intend to form two or more chapters of The John Birch Society as the beginning of our organization in Arizona. Since I take it that you intend to do this without using the tapes, and from what you can tell members of the groups about our background, methods, and purposes, we shall not send a set of the tapes unless you request them. But I do think you will need the little packets to hand out to each member, at the end of the meeting, the same as we did in Chicago. Each one, you will remember, contains a paperbound copy of The Life Of John Birch, two or three reprints from AMERICAN OPINION -- especially including the one, WHY PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS -- and at least one issue of the magazine. And while they all cost money, so that we do not want to waste them, we'll send you one or more cartons, of about twenty packets each, by special handling book rate, as soon as you tell us where and how many. Also, while there is always an application blank for membership in the Society in each of these packets, we are mailing you about a dozen such blanks under separate cover today, partly in case you come across friends who might want to join the Home Chapter in the meantime.

You asked about my Western trip, and it is hard to say. There certainly seemed to be plenty of both interest and enthusiasm at all of the meetings. I was delighted to have the opportunity to get to know some of the leaders of the conservative cause on the West Coast; and I felt encouraged enough about the possible formation of chapters to go ahead and hire Kent Steffgen, one of the young men who was at the San Francisco meeting, to become a full-time Coordinator for us for the state of California -- and until such time as we break it down further into two or more

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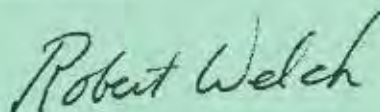
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areas. But frankly, the immediate financial return, from both the Los Angeles and San Francisco meeting -- though not from the Seattle meeting -- has been disappointing and puzzling. For we have to move fast in this fight; and perhaps I have been a bit spoiled by the results of most of my Eastern meetings, where of course those in attendance either knew me or knew of me much better than those at the meetings on the West Coast. Also, I am so conscious of so much that needs to be done so fast, which it takes real money to do, that it probably makes me too impatient. So let me merely say that I am very glad I made the trip; that I am glad to have even this toe hold on the West Coast which I hope and believe we can gradually convert into a position of real strength; and that I am certainly appreciative of the interest and support of leaders like yourself whom I had not known at all before.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

RW:mlp

Mr. Frank C. Brophy

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you while I am in Phoenix, nevertheless, and shall be looking forward very much to doing so.

With my many thanks once more, and my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bob Welch

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Robert Welch

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Mr. Frank C. Brophy
 Box 9338
 Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Frank:

You are so well-known in the fight on our side that every other conservative refers to you by your first name, making it seem so natural that I automatically started this letter in that way. Which I hope you will not mind. And if you are willing to return the compliment, most of my friends -- and some of my enemies -- refer to me as Bob.

Your check and letter are very kind. Your membership card, current bulletin, and any other current material will be mailed to you from the office of The John Birch Society, downstairs in this same building. I am simply trying to tell you how much your help and encouragement are appreciated.

Yes, Judge Phelps and Mrs. Haldiman and Mr. Robert Chandler -- with, I am sure, your assistance -- are setting up one of my full two-day meetings for me, in Phoenix, on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. And I have already wired a confirmation of the dates, as requested.

I agree with you that it would be very nice to have about ten people come up from Tucson, to join the group of some twenty to thirty from Phoenix which will be present. And since I suggested to Mr. Robert Chandler over the telephone that it might be wise to be quite selective, and keep the group down to between twenty and thirty of the most influential conservatives, he might think that enlarging the group to this extent would be going contrary to my ideas for the meeting. I should be glad to have you advise him, therefore, if you have any occasion or opportunity to do so, that under the circumstances adding ten people from Tucson, even though he may have the full quota of thirty from Phoenix, will be entirely all right. Actually, I had forty-three present at my last similar meeting in Los Angeles,

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about two weeks ago, and if they really are all dedicated and interested patriots, an audience up to that size does not present any great obstacle to the effectiveness of the meeting. And this will be especially true I am sure where, as you state and all of my own experience confirms, the leaders in Arizona are more advanced in an understanding of our danger, at this particular stage, than is the case in most other places.

Your persuading Mr. Ted McDonald to hold off on his plan until after I have been in Phoenix is very much appreciated indeed. We certainly do not claim to have any monopoly on wisdom, courage, or ability in this fight; and we are delighted to welcome, encourage, and help everybody else in the battle on our side, in every way we can. But we are now making remarkable progress, with very rapid growth in both strength and numbers. So that, if Mr. McDonald's plan is quite similar to ours, he might find and agree that all of the effort of himself and his friends would be more effective, and more rapidly effective, if he and they came right into The John Birch Society, to increase our strength and our growth just that much more. So I am delighted that Mr. McDonald and several of his associates will be at our meeting, and I shall be looking forward very much to seeing both him and them.

With regard to your very kind offer, in addition to keeping in touch with the various people who are arranging for the meeting there, to do any other particular things which might help, I suspect that the most important other thing you might do for us in this connection would be to take some especial interest in getting the right people up from Tucson. One of the angles that does need to be stressed, and which it is sometimes hard to get busy men or women to believe, is the need for coming on time for the beginning of the meeting at nine o'clock sharp on the first day, and planning to stay through the full two-day session. And I am sure you can do a lot to make this requirement convincing, with the people who might come from Tucson, as well as helping mightily to get the right ones to come at all.

Since you have heard the whole presentation, I don't imagine that you will be coming to the two-day meeting yourself. But I hope to be seeing

AMERICAN OPINION

An Informal Review

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

November 2, 1960

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
16 West Monroe
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Brophy:

As you will recall, a copy of the manuscript, *THE POLITICIAN*, was mailed to you, on loan, and in confidence, August 12, 1959. And, for many reasons, Mr. Welch now wishes to have any which are still outstanding returned, as soon as it is convenient.

When you do send it back, would you put it up securely, and address it simply but carefully to: Mr. Robert Welch, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Your help, in this connection, will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,



R. P. Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 30, 1960

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Frank:

This letter is to ask for your help -- but only if you are entirely willing to give it -- through our use of your name on our Committee Of Endorsers.

This Committee will consist of not less than two hundred, and probably not more than five hundred, leading citizens of our country. The names will be listed by states, and alphabetically for each state. And the list will be used in faint print on the reverse side of our letterheads, or as a part of a "Brochure Of Endorsement" (of which, in its present unfinished state, we are enclosing a printer's dummy), and in similar ways.

We have no illusions about what we are requesting, and do not want you to have any. The Committee, merely by its existence and without other duties, will serve three important purposes: (1) It will show the caliber and standing of men and women supporting The John Birch Society; (2) it will help to eliminate some of the burdensome stream of inquiries about us now directed to some of our best known members and friends; and (3) it will serve somewhat as a shield against attacks on us from some sources. There is no question about the value to the Society of your thus standing up to be counted in our corner, in the fight which increasingly engulfs us all. And in numbers there is strength. But there is also no question that the Leftists will make your endorsement of the Society embarrassing for you if they can.

It is no secret to you that we are now very definitely at one of the great crises of history. It is the intention and the function of The John Birch Society to become an increasingly important factor, and perhaps eventually the decisive factor, in turning back and putting to rout the gigantically organized forces of evil which otherwise will destroy our whole civilization. While we are still small, our growth

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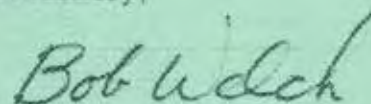
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is continuous and strong; and many conservative American leaders believe (and say) that we now offer the one last best hope of saving our country. But it is the dedication and courage, the prayers and the works, of men like yourself, which will make it possible for The John Birch Society to play so vital and so worthy a part in the ordeal of our era.

Of course we hope that you will want to give us the huge help indicated. If so, we shall try, with all that we are and all that we have, to deserve that support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Welch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Robert Welch".

Robert Welch

RW:rc

BARRY GOLDWATER
ARIZONA

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SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 27, 1961

Mr. Frank Brophy
P. O. Box 9338
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Frank:

I thought you would be interested in Bill Buckley's suggested approach to the John Birch Society dilemma and also what the Washington Post had to say about it last Sunday morning. I think the whole problem here is to salvage a very worthwhile organization made up of excellent people from the unfortunate statements and outspoken beliefs of the founder, Bob Welch. I have nothing but high regard for Bob, but I have to admit that he has been in error ever since he attacked the President and his brother as being either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

The problem is, as I stated it to you on the phone Sunday, how to either calm Bob down or separate him completely from the society so that we can retain the high interest of this intelligent group of Americans.

Any suggestions you might have after reading this and other material, please send on to me.

Best personal wishes,


Barry Goldwater

March 27, 1961

Dear Bob:

The recent smear efforts in Time magazine and several newspapers directed against The John Birch Society indicate the amazing success your efforts have achieved in recent months. But this, I suspect, is only the beginning and we must prepare, as far as possible, for more vicious and devastating attacks in the future.

For a short season you will be criticized (and not altogether unfairly) by important Conservative leaders who have to steer clear of the "lunatic fringe" label that can be used so effectively against them. Unfortunately, your privately circulated book lays us open to this charge - even though it is not altogether justified. Whatever happens, we must not let this left wing attack develop into a divisive action among our own forces. This will require considerable forbearance and patience on your part. Therefore, we should now direct our efforts in the direction of limiting our vulnerability.

With the above in mind may I suggest the following items for your consideration:

1. A period of reticence on our part. If we do not retort and become involved in open controversy at this stage the opposition will find it difficult to keep up the attack they have started.
2. However, in the event this does not stop or slow up their smear campaign - then we should demand Congressional investigation of the Society's actions as well as the controversial book. We do not need to fear the former, and I think the left wingers and internationalists will decide against an open discussion and investigation of the statements you made in that book.

So You should change or eliminate the one man control of the Society. This refers to your right to terminate membership. I doubt if this is as necessary or important as you thought it was. Furthermore it leaves the Society open to the "Fuehrer principle" attack. This, of course, is false; nevertheless it can be made to look real and work against us. In such matters we must realize that our opposition is absolutely unscrupulous and ruthless.

All this demands bigness and extraordinary strength on your part, but I know you have both. At the risk of making myself sound melodramatic or at least presumptuous, I quote a Psalm which is read in today's Mass at every Catholic altar in the world. (Palm Sunday).

"Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak. I looked for sympathy, and there was none; for comforters and I found none; rather they put gall in My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink." Ps. 68, 21-22.

I trust you will accept this letter in the spirit of good will and hopefulness in which I write it.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Mass.

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
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Dear Frank:

Your letter of March 27 arrived on March 29. But the pressure here has been so tremendous that not until tonight have I been able to reach it in the little pile of most urgent correspondence put on my desk. (We are now receiving about one thousand letters per day, so you can guess the problem of getting "the most urgent" picked out of that total.) And even now there is just so much waiting to be done -- I didn't even go home from the office last night at all -- that I cannot write you in detail as I should like to do, and as your letter deserves.

Let me simply say, therefore, that I have read your whole letter very carefully twice. Some parts of it, such as numbered paragraph two, have already been taken care of in part by our April bulletin which I hope has reached you by now. Paragraph three has also been answered in part in that bulletin, although not as fully as would be necessary to cover your suggestion. And number one I am observing and have been observing, despite tremendous pressure, to the very best of my ability.

But I assure you that I accept your letter entirely in accordance with the last paragraph in it, appreciate very much your having taken the trouble to write me as you did, and shall give my continuing and most conscientious thought to everything you have to say.

Am hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again when I am in Phoenix the latter part of next week. In the meantime, with my many thanks once more, and my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

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Dear Frank:

Since I got back to this office some ten days ago the pressure on my time has been so great that just today have I seen your letter of April 18, containing copy of a letter written by you on the same date to Mr. George Knupffer in London. And under the circumstances, ordinarily I would just say "thanks very much" and let matters take their course. But since I note from your letter to Knupffer that you expect to be in Ireland for several months this summer, and may therefore be looking up Knupffer in London, I feel that my friendship with you requires me to make certain other comments -- even though you should certainly pay only as much attention to them as you may wish.

When George Knupffer's book, *THE STRUGGLE FOR WORLD POWER*, first came out about four years ago, I read it with considerable care and prepared a memorandum on it for a very wealthy friend of mine, whom Knupffer was beseeching for financial assistance every time he came to this country. As it turned out, I never did put this memorandum in final shape because, having run into my friend in the meantime, I delivered most of its contents to him in personal conversation, and the memorandum itself, unfinished, was destroyed by me on my return to Boston.

Briefly, Frank -- and of course, let me repeat and emphasize, you do not have to agree with me -- I think Knupffer's book is a very smooth piece of highly intellectual double talk, and I do not trust Knupffer or his purposes at all. I have known about him in other connections, besides as the author of this book, for years. And I just wanted to warn you to be careful as to how far you believe him, or act on those beliefs.

As a matter of fact, once you start wading into these Russian emigré circles, you are in murky water up to your neck almost at once. There are some eleven with world-wide reach, or at least claims to a world-

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wide organization, of which the NTS is by far the largest, most extensive, and most powerful. And it is no secret to the NTS, including both Boldyreff and Nicolai Khohklov himself, that I do not trust them, or the CIA of which they are such darlings; and they have been fighting me behind the scenes for years. And while Knupffer professes to dislike the NTS, and correctly says that they would not amount to anything except for the heavy financial subsidization by American "intelligence agencies," (by which he visibly and primarily means the CIA, even though he doesn't mention them by name), he was most instrumental in helping to destroy, or greatly weaken the effectiveness of, one other Russian emigré group which was the most determined real enemy of the NTS.

Knupffer claims to be a Russian Monarchist, and he does appear to have the support and the confidence of "His Imperial Highness" the Grand Duke Wladimir who is now the legitimate pretender to the throne of the Romanoffs. And if I personally were going to support, or saw any reason to support, any of the Russian emigré groups, I feel from what little I know of the whole murky situation that I would rather back the monarchists than any others. But I still retain my strong doubts about George Knupffer, and just thought I should pass on these doubts to you -- in entirely too hurried a fashion -- which still may not be worth anything and which you are certainly free to disregard.

If I do not see you in the meantime, here's hoping that you will have a most enjoyable visit to Ireland, and I shall certainly be looking forward to seeing you again on your return. In the meantime, all good wishes and, as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
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Dear Frank:

Since dictating a long letter to you a couple of days ago I have now come, in another one of the huge piles of correspondence waiting for me, to two letters addressed to me directly from George Knupffer in London.

He is much interested in getting my help, apparently and especially with Lyle Munson of the Bookmailer, towards having a new edition of THE STRUGGLE FOR WORLD POWER brought out by the Bookmailer as publishers.

The most interesting item in his letter, however, is that Dr. Slobodan M. Draskovich of Chicago had just had a long visit with him, asking many questions. So I shall be much interested in Dr. Draskovich's appraisal of Knupffer, when Draskovich returns to this country. For I personally consider Dr. Draskovich one of the four or five best informed men in the whole world on the Communist conspiracy -- that is, of course, outside of the top members of the conspiracy itself -- and also one of the most penetrating in his insight into pretensions of the phony anti-Communists. In a second and later letter from Mr. Knupffer he seemed called upon to recognize, as he did not in his first and longer letter, that I may already have some opinions about him and his relations with some of the other emigré groups. And his comments about the NTS and the RRF, both of which he roundly condemns, are not very convincing in the light of some of my information about his own activities of only a few years ago. But I shall wait until Dr. Draskovich gets back and I have a chance to talk with him before either confirming, reaffirming, or revising my own opinion about Knupffer.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:th

May 12, 1961

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for taking the time to send me all the dope on Knupffer. I too will be interested to learn what Dr. Draskovich has to report on this man.

I am quite unfamiliar with the ramifications of the various Russian emigre groups, and I would be inclined to agree with you that they should be handled with kid gloves and put under the microscope before taking them to one's bosom. If this is not a good scramble of metaphors, then I have lost my touch.

The only thing about Knupffer that I am really interested in is his book, which, incidentally, needs some editing and some deletion, in my opinion. However, on the whole, it is the best and most lucid study I have seen on this very arcane subject of financial control and power. This is a subject in which I have been interested for many years. It is perhaps even more important than the Communist conspiracy, since it is conceivable that it could be used in the Communist conspiracy for even more subtle and diabolical purposes.

I am acutely aware that delving into this subject is almost as dangerous as it is difficult to understand. However, the fact that both Belloc and Chesterton were interested in it at one time, and were willing to publicize it, gives me the courage to persevere in trying to understand it.

I am only interested in Knupffer's scholarship, and I intend to read his book again carefully to search out flaws in his argument. Upon more reflection, I do not think The Birch Society should become involved in any way with either Knupffer or this phase of the conspiracy. You will certainly have your hands full with what you have already taken on and the possibility of your surviving that is not too great, in my opinion. However, we have to keep going, each in our several ways. If, from time to time, you can forward me any further information on Knupffer, I will appreciate having it, and I am especially anxious to learn what Dr. Draskovich has to report.

Bill Buckley spoke here last night before a crowd of 1200 people. In spite of the fact that he may have talked over the heads of a large part of his audience, nevertheless he seemed to charm them and was most enthusiastically received. These sort of things are the crumbs of encouragement on which we have to exist, but I am glad to know that there are quite a few more of them these days than there were a few years back.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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Hon. Barry Goldwater
All Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Barry:

In my opinion the liberal (Me Too) element in the Republican Party is launching a move to defeat if possible all Republican Conservatives who will run for election or re-election in 1962 and on and on.

You are the acknowledged leader of the Conservative element, thus I am calling your attention to what I believe is a conspiracy. They, including Ike and Nixon, are now referring to the Radicals and Extremists. In fact they have in mind such men as Barry Goldwater, but of course they are not far enough along to divulge that.

Presently the State and National Republican Committees are controlled by these liberals, who have all but wrecked the party during the last thirty years. To be more exact they are King Makers.

Ike was elected and re-elected because he was a War Hero (Liberal), not because he was a Republican, and of course the war scare as now was continuous during his eight years. He did a fine job of nearly finishing the party. I have no confidence in Ike or Dick. They are dangerous, and they will do their utmost to brand as Radicals and Extremists those whom Senator Strom Thurmond, in the enclosed article, calls Believers as opposed to Atheists.

Already Ike and Nixon have blasted the John Birch Society, whose rank and file members are real Conservatives, who believe in America and our Constitutional form of Government. I know hundreds of the John Birchers. None of them will take the 5th Amendment. My main point in commenting as I do, is to warn you of what I believe to be the Republican Liberals' scheme, i.e., to debauch the Conservatives and to continue in their futile efforts to elect "Me Too" Liberals.

May I say, that I hope that you and Peggy enjoyed your vacation, and that your health will permit you to carry on the battle for the conservative cause.

With my kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Hub
Hubbard S. Russell

HSR-jaw

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
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Dear Frank:

Your letter of October 24, concerning the celebration of United States Day and the speech by Pat Boone, was actually sent to the general office downstairs and held by them, originally with the intention of going right ahead and writing you to obtain one of the films of Pat Boone's speech.

But the truth is that over the past many weeks we have had such an incredible number of films and tape recordings and film strips offered to us, and urged upon us, beyond any capacity on our part to use them to advantage, and since the indication was that prints of this film would cost about three hundred dollars each, Tom Hill -- who is our Director of Field Activities -- decided he had better send this letter up to me, instead of doing anything about it himself. The flood of such material, some of which we are urged to buy, and much of which is offered to us free, has been so great, that I even mentioned the fact in our November bulletin -- as you may have noted -- in a plea that all of our good friends be patient with us in this connection.

Actually, this film is most effective, I am sure, for audiences of young people; and the sad fact is that we do not yet have the organizational reach and facilities for making such showings to as many groups of young people as we should like. So I really don't think we can use more than a very few of the films to sufficient advantage to justify our buying them at the present time. But if you will please have somebody who is in charge of the matter let us know in due course just what the cost per print is, and where they are obtainable, we shall undoubtedly buy one print at once, in order to take a look at it ourselves and then decide what we can do, as a practical matter, to help to obtain a wider reach for Pat Boone and his excellent message.

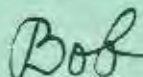
You are correct that I have not seen the television show Richfield Oil Company made possible, but I had heard a great deal about the appearance of C. D. Jackson, primarily to apologize for the LIFE

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smear article on the Schwarz school. Knowing as much as I do about C. D. Jackson and his whole past record, I must confess to being absolutely convinced in my own mind that this was purely an opportunistic move on the part of LIFE and himself. Actually, as you may know, Pat Frawley, who had been perhaps the chief financial sponsor of Dr. Schwarz and his school, and especially in this instance, immediately cancelled contracts for about \$1,500,000.00 worth of advertising with LIFE, on the part of companies which he controls. So you can see why Mr. Jackson hot-footed it out to California to clear up that "misunderstanding." So, like you, "I have my fingers crossed," but even more so.

As always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

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December 15, 1961

To All Chapter Leaders, and Home Chapter Members:

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As you have probably seen in the press, our COUNCIL, at its regular meeting in New York last Saturday, December 9, issued a strongly worded protest against the present efforts of the United Nations, depending almost entirely on money and equipment supplied by the United States, to destroy by armed force the independence of Katanga.

Since then the American Committee For Aid To Katanga Freedom Fighters has been formed, largely through the efforts of William F. Buckley, Jr., and his associates; and their first full page advertisement, of similar and even stronger protest, appeared in the New York Times on Thursday, December 14. We are enclosing a reprint of that advertisement, which we have reproduced by permission of the Committee. And we urge our members to support this protest and appeal as promptly and energetically as they can.

We realize that it is the week before Christmas. We are sure that the evil forces behind this incredible attack on a brave leader and his people are counting on the preoccupation of Americans with Christmas activities to make it easier for their United Nations stooges to "get away with" the destruction of Moise Tshombe and the subjugation of Katanga. We believe that instead, even during the height of the Christmas season, hundreds of thousands of good Americans -- including the members of The John Birch Society -- will pour such a flood of vigorous protest onto those who are authorizing and supporting the brutal attack on Katanga as to shake them right down to their shoes.

The four steps outlined in the advertisement seem to us to offer a good pattern of protest. We believe that in general letters or telegrams to the President, with copies mailed to Senators, Congressmen, and others (including newspaper editors and radio and television commentators) is the simplest effective procedure. We urge our Home Chapter members to take such action at once. We ask our Chapter Leaders to get in touch as promptly as they can, with as many of their respective members as they can, to urge this same action by all who agree with our protest and its purposes.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
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Dear Frank:

It has been a long time since we have invited any new member to join our COUNCIL. Father Ginder is, in fact, the only new member to join us since the really rough storm broke over our heads last February, and his invitation was extended in telephone conversations and at a personal meeting.

So the young lady transcribing my dictation has simply been unable to find a copy of the letter originally used, in which I set forth the invitation, and the considerations involved, in somewhat formal detail. You can understand what a problem filing becomes, in an organization where mail activity expands as rapidly as it has with us. So, without the original guiding letter, I'll simply write you in far less formal style, to the same effect.

Which means merely repeating that you are hereby invited, and urged, to become a member of the COUNCIL of The John Birch Society. We are, as I am sure you will agree, very definitely at one of the great crises of history. It is the intention and the function of The John Birch Society to become an increasingly important factor, and perhaps eventually the decisive factor, in turning back and putting to rout the gigantically organized forces of evil which otherwise will destroy our whole civilization. And it is the dedication and courage of men like yourself, and of those whom we already have on our COUNCIL, that will make it possible for The John Birch Society to play so vital and so worthy a part in the ordeal of our era.

The COUNCIL is now meeting once every three months, and its next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10, at the Union League Club in Chicago. Since the five-man Executive Committee meets monthly, we shall probably stick to the schedule of quarterly meetings for the COUNCIL as a whole for a while longer. Eventually, we shall come to monthly meetings of the COUNCIL itself, but I do not anticipate that for another year or perhaps more.

As to the work done and responsibilities assumed by any individual member of the COUNCIL in the meantime, above attendance at meetings of our COUNCIL, that will be entirely up to the member himself. In time, I am sure, most of the efforts of the members of

With regard to one item in your letter, Frank, it is tragic but true that I am afraid a caveat is necessary with regard to your optimism. In the middle paragraph on Page 4 you name De Gaulle as one of the Catholic leaders who have actually stood up effectively against the Communist advance. You probably did not get a chance to read what, at long last and reluctantly, we felt obliged to tell our readers about De Gaulle, briefly, in the September issue of AMERICAN OPINION. But I am enclosing herewith -- at the regretted cost of burying you with reading material -- an onionskin copy of the opening pages of the issue of AMERICAN OPINION which is right now at the printer's. And in order to give you an opportunity to become more thoroughly familiar with the background and true record of De Gaulle, so that you will be better able to judge his recent and present real purposes for yourself, I am having a copy of Huddleston's THE TRAGIC YEARS sent to you by The Bookmailer at once, with my compliments.

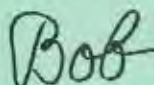
In the meantime, just to indicate further that we have not gone off "half cocked" about De Gaulle, let me mention this. AMERICAN OPINION has three foreign correspondents; Willi Schlamm in Germany and Austria, Hilaire du Berrier in Paris, and a man named Frank MacMillan in Glasgow -- whom I think you would very much enjoy talking to, sometime when you are over in Ireland and might get to Glasgow for the purpose. Frank, who supplies us background material rather than actual articles, makes his living writing for and supplying material to conservative and anti-Communist publications all over the world; and if I had to name the five best informed men "on our side" about the Communist conspiracy, in the whole world today, I would start with J. B. Matthews, Dr. S. M. Draskovich, and Frank MacMillan. And Frank -- who, incidentally, happens to be Catholic -- has never wavered one iota in his conclusions and opinions with regard to De Gaulle, with those opinions based on a more thorough knowledge of the man's whole past history than that possessed by anybody else I know. And during the past three years Frank MacMillan has poured hundreds of typewritten pages into this office, documenting and supporting his insistent statements that De Gaulle is and always has been "on the other side." And the real argument, as you will sadly discover and read between the lines, from even what we have coming out in the current issue of AMERICAN OPINION (enclosed herewith) is that through De Gaulle the Communists and their dupes and allies pulled on France exactly the same kind of deal that they pulled on the United States when they managed to get Eisenhower nominated and elected in 1952. So, while you will have to make up your own mind about De Gaulle, of course, I felt it my duty to call these facts and arguments to your attention, in connection with your putting him in the same class with such people who are unquestionably anti-Communist, as Adenauer and Salazar and Franco -- or Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee.

December 12, 1961

All of this further shows what an infinitely diabolical conspiracy we are up against, and merely adds to the picture to which you refer when you state, in your handwritten memorandum to me, that "they are really pouring it on now," and "it's coming from every direction." Which, in the case of some men, might make it the worse possible time for me to ask them to go on the COUNCIL of The John Birch Society. But I am asking you at this point, nevertheless, And for that purpose -- to save myself time, instead of writing a separate letter -- I am merely enclosing, addressed to yourself, the identical letter which we sent out two years to those who were first invited to go on the COUNCIL, and have sent in the very few instances since then when we invited others to join us. And if you do feel able and willing to become a member of the COUNCIL, I can assure you that both your moral support and your help in all of our deliberations will be deeply appreciated.

As always, Frank, my most earnest thanks and my kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

RW:th

February 3, 1962

Mr. Robert D. Love
Vice President & General Manager
Love Box Company, Inc.
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of January the 31st which I have read very carefully and at the very outset, let me tell you I will be happy to meet with you or anyone else of your group any time that we could arrange a satisfactory date.

First, I think you might be interested in the approach that I am taking when asked about the John Birch Society. I start by saying let's talk about all groups, the groups on the right and the groups on the left. I then tell them that no group is dangerous to America until that group denies us one of our Constitutional rights. In answering this way I can point out that the extremists to the left deny the conservative voice every chance they get and the extreme leftists who write in the papers and for other publications never will give a conservative a break even insofar as being honest about what the conservatives said.

This enables me to tee off at great length on organizations like the ADA and then return casually to the original question of the John Birch Society and say that when they in any of their actions deny anyone their right of speech or assembly, etc., then that organization becomes dangerous, but I have yet to hear of a John Birch organization doing this.

I have found that this completely satisfies the average questioner and if that person happens to be a left-winger, it embarrasses the daylight out of him.

Now as to Bob Welch, I have known Bob a long while and I have great personal admiration for him, in fact, you will remember that on at least one occasion I have linked my name with his in an effort to educate Americans as to what is taking place in their government. Had Bob done what he said he would do a year ago and refrain from making public remarks that he could not prove or substantiate, I would not now at this time join with other conservatives who speak before the public in suggesting in a strong way that he remove himself from the organization or the organization remove themselves from Bob.

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I know this is a strong and very drastic step to take, but you see, Bob, I make an average of three speeches a week followed by questions and answers, and almost without exception, the question of the Birch Society comes up and when I supply them with the answer I have just outlined, the next is always "Do you believe in the things that Bob Welch says?" Having carefully kept a catalogue of all the things that he has said in the last year I, frankly, must disassociate myself with most of those statements. Not all of them, mind you, but most of them. ✓✓✓

I think the Birch Society has great potential. I think that he has done a fine job at least wherever I am acquainted with their activities. I further think that the only anchors hanging around the organization's neck are the intemperate, unwise, groundless statements that have been made by Bob during the past several years. Remove Welch and the Birch Society cannot be attacked. }

That is my position but I do not intend because of it to make personal attacks on Bob for whom, as I have said, I have admiration.

With best wishes,

Barry Goldwater

BJ/judy

CC: Dean Clarence Manion
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BARRY GOLDWATER
ARIZONA

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 3, 1962

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
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Dear Frank:

Please never hesitate to send me anything that you come across that you feel is good. I have always followed your recommendations as to reading and I have never regretted it.

I am building up an excellent file on the monetary situation along with my studies into the common market and very shortly within the next week, I intend to write from six to twelve of my columns on this whole general field pointing out that the reduction or even the removal of tariffs will not solve our world market situation. We have many things to do internally before we can hope to compete.

Bill Buckley sent me a copy of the editorial he is devoting to Bob Welch in his next issue but it is far too long for me to enclose in this letter. I know that many friends of Bob's and many members of the Birch Society are going to be angered by this, but I must defend Bill because it's been just about a year ago when he and I decided that it would be best to talk to Pat and some of the advisers of the Birch Society on the danger that Bob's association with the group was causing. We were told at that time that Bob would make no more public statements but in the ten and a half or eleven months that have gone past, he has continued to make these statements and while many of them are perfectly true, there are enough loose charges to further discredit him. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to Bob Love today which I think will explain in a brief way my position in this whole unfortunate matter. I am firmly convinced, Frank, that if Welch's name could be disassociated with the Society, the entire attack on it would fall because even those who attack the Birch Society have to admit that the membership is highly respected and highly intelligent people.

With best personal wishes,

Barry
Barry Goldwater

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

February 13, 1962

To The Members Of Our COUNCIL

And The Seven Or Eight Friends Regularly Invited
To COUNCIL Meetings:

1. This is to remind you that the next meeting of our COUNCIL will be at the Union League Club, Chicago, starting promptly at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday morning, March 10, 1962. And besides the members of the COUNCIL, the few guests receiving this memorandum are most cordially invited.
2. Without waiting for the March Bulletin, this is to confirm, what we hope and believe you would have assumed anyway: We have no intention of fighting back against the present widespread, and carefully coordinated, attacks on us from the Right. The Communists, with approximately three percent of a population, take over one nation after another and impose the brutal tyranny of that three percent on the other ninety-seven percent. Obviously they could not do this without beguiling good anti-Communists into carrying the ball, and disparaging or destroying other anti-Communists, for them. We certainly do not wish to help the Communists in this purpose. And so, to the constant barrage of questions from AP, UPI, and others we have answered simply "No Comment," and we intend to continue doing so. Also, we believe that in general this is an excellent policy for our members.
3. Some of the attacks on myself personally are by people who have been sold a phoney bill of goods outlined in our February Bulletin -- which was written well before we even knew about most of these attacks -- and who honestly believe that they would be helping the Conservative cause by getting me out of The John Birch Society. But some are quite deceptive in this pretense, because the attackers have -- as several members of our COUNCIL could confirm -- confessed that their real purpose is to destroy the Society itself. As in almost everything which people unwittingly do to help the Communists, the reasons are diverse, overlapping, and confused. But in connection with all attacks it is a better policy for us to ignore -- and to go right ahead with our constructive efforts -- rather than to defend.
4. Only in one respect is this policy difficult. With regard to our articles in American Opinion, from which extracts out of context have been so laboriously assembled to make us look "irresponsible," it would be easy to compile from completely provable facts a devastating reply, which would turn the ridicule

back in double measure on our attackers. The most severe of all of these efforts to ridicule us, for instance -- to permit ourselves just this one illustration out of dozens available -- have been by a Senior Editor of Reader's Digest, who is their expert on Communism. Yet in April, 1959, four months after Castro had taken over Cuba, and after we had already published three articles setting forth the plain record to show that Castro was a Communist, the Reader's Digest ran a long article glorifying Castro as a revolutionary idealist and Robin Hood, who was certainly not a Communist, and whom we should certainly honor and support. When you dig into all of the facts and history behind our articles, you will find that they "hold water," and will continue to hold water, better than anything else that has been published in America since our magazine was founded six years ago. And you will further find that the phrases we have used simply to emphasize our points, and without ever indicating individual opponents at all, have never begun to approach the sarcasm and ridicule turned on us by these critics, specifying me by name, for venturing to disagree with them. But even here, where we are being vilified for simply telling some of the horrible truth before people are willing to accept it -- and before it is too late -- and as unfair (and in a few cases even malicious) as is some of this criticism, and hence as hard as it is to take, we know that it is still better policy for us, and better for the total Americanist cause, for us to ignore rather than to defend. And we shall probably not say even this much in the bulletin.

We probably shall say, however, that we are reminded of a famous quatrain of a century ago:

"My name it is Benjamin Jowett,
I'm Master of Balliol College;
Whatever is knowledge I know it,
And what I don't know isn't knowledge."

For we are certainly dealing with a lot of sophomores of all ages, to whom whatever they don't know isn't knowledge.

5. You need have no worry about these critics destroying The John Birch Society. One of the saddest parts of the whole affair is their utter failure to understand, or even to try to learn about, the nature of the Society and the loyalty and dedication of its members. Gordon Hall, the "slimy character" referred to at length in the Blue Book, has been reporting as fact -- and getting headlines by doing so -- that The John Birch Society has lost 69,400 members, and has huge stacks of resignations to be processed. The actual truth, incredible as it may seem, is that in the past nine days -- since I left for California and while the storm was at its worst -- we have received one resignation due to all of the critics five resignations from members in Texas (all of them in one chapter) who want to put their full time and energy into working for General Walker, and no more. At least no others which have reached us here, and we have no unopened mail. As against these defections we have had literally hundreds of telegrams and letters of support and encouragement, of which the two samples enclosed are reasonably typical.

6. While this is emphatically in confidence -- and certainly will not go into the bulletin -- we still think you should know that a great deal of the pressure to destroy the Society emanates from Mr. Richard Nixon, always a master manipulator behind the scenes. Nixon is in serious trouble. He may lose the nomination for the California governorship to Joe Shell. If he wins the nomination there is even more chance that he will lose the election to Pat Brown. In either case his political career would be over. Since such a preponderant majority of the Conservatives in California are for Shell, Mr. Nixon must make his appeal almost entirely to the Liberals. He is trying to strengthen his appeal to these Liberals of both parties by his glowing eulogy of Robert Kennedy (which you may have seen) and by offering them my head, and/or the whole decapitated John Birch Society, on a platter -- letting his whole part in the affair become visible if it succeeds. Actually the Society, as you know, takes no direct part in politics, and will certainly take none in the California Republican primary. And we shall not even make any slightest suggestion along such lines to our members. But it seemed to me that our COUNCIL should know of the important aspect of the whole situation set forth in this paragraph, nevertheless.

7. Comments, criticisms, and suggestions with regard to our next bulletin will be more than welcome, from any of the recipients of this memorandum. But we do have one urgent request. Please do not ask nor expect me to reply to or enter into individual discussions over, such comments. I'd love to -- but I'm only one man, whom at least one thousand leading members of the Society feel that they should be able to talk to on the telephone, or get written answers from, at any time. And if you will figure it out -- and as much as I regret the fact -- it can't be done. So please give me all of the help you can. It will be read, studied, carefully weighed, and frequently observed. And answered when I have the chance -- but please do not be mad with me when I cannot answer.

I am looking forward very much to seeing all of you -- or almost all -- in Chicago on Saturday morning, March 10. In the meantime, and as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Dear Frank:

Just tonight for the first time, and well after midnight at that, have I come to and read your letter of February 6, as well as the copy of your letter of January 29 to Pat Manion, and some earlier correspondence which my secretary had attached. And I just want to tell you how grateful I am for your understanding and support.

The Buckley attack is, of course, just one comparatively small part of an extremely extensive, long and carefully planned, all-out attack on me from all sides -- in which most of the conservatives, who have been beguiled into taking part, do not even begin to suspect how they have been sucked into an organized campaign which they do not understand. Of course the attacks from so many different rightwing sources are going to hurt us some. But last week was the biggest and best we have ever had, in new members and new chapters, since the Society was organized. From the veritable flood of letters and telegrams we are receiving here from our members, as an almost incredible manifestation of loyalty and support, it seems clear that Buckley and all of the others may actually be hurting themselves, and the whole anti-Communist cause, far more than they are hurting myself or The John Birch Society. But the results are extremely unfortunate, nevertheless. And we shall do everything we can to reduce the damage to the Americanist cause. Even at the expense of refraining from publicly defending ourselves, which of course is hard to do.

With regard to De Gaulle, as discussed in one of your earlier letters, I hope you have read the current issue of the National Review Bulletin. Although in my opinion the Editors still make the mistake of referring to De Gaulle's brutally suppressive measures as "Fascist" instead of "Communist" they do at long last begin to tell the American people something of the real horror which has been taking place in France for months -- and which brought about so desperate an effort of the real French patriots and

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anti-Communists to save themselves and their country as is represented by the Secret Army Organization.

As I may or may not have written you, Frank -- I cannot now remember -- immediately after De Gaulle came back into power three or four years ago, we received about one hundred typewritten pages from one of the ablest and best of our foreign correspondents (one who never writes for us for publication, but only background material) substantiating in detail his statement to us: "Let me warn you, and please remember, De Gaulle is a man of the Left, and not of the Right." Despite all of this, and despite what I already knew about his brutal pro-Communist tyranny in France during the 1944-1946 years, we still held back patiently and hopefully a long time, even letting Willi Schlamm and Hilaire du Berrier hopefully sing his praises in AMERICAN OPINION -- before we finally felt that wishful thinking could no longer be excused, and that our consciences and our responsibilities to our readers and members required that we start opening their eyes to some parts of the truth. And all of that horrible truth, I am very much afraid, is now going to start coming out quite rapidly from the events and developments themselves, which will be so tragic for France and almost as much so for America.

Enclosed is carbon copy of our "Letter To The Reader," which appears on the inside front cover of the March issue of AMERICAN OPINION, which went to press today and will go into the mails next week. We could have made it a great deal stronger, and a far more emphatic and convincing "plug" for our magazine, simply by quoting more extensively from the National Review Bulletin on one side and from AMERICAN OPINION in its issues of months ago, on the other. But I was afraid that some of our critics might claim, and even that some of our friends might feel, that I was striking back at Buckley. So, to avoid any possibility of any such reaction, I did not even mention National Review Bulletin or National Review, or say anything which could be considered otherwise than as the most completely legitimate and appropriate "puffery" -- as the advertising boys call it -- of our own publication.

It's now one thirty in the morning and, despite all of the huge piles of correspondence in front of me, I had better quit and go home for some sleep. So I'll sign off quickly by simply sending you, as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:th

March 14, 1962

To All Members Of The COUNCIL:

Despite two efforts, with two different staff men, it has been found to be practically impossible to make any formal or even routine report of one of our COUNCIL meetings -- short of a verbatim transcript of the total discussion. Just as our COUNCIL is in many ways different from a board of directors, so our meetings do not take a form or result in actions that can readily be reported in "minutes." This substitute is simply a brief and completely informal report by myself, therefore, of some of the things said or done, without any effort to make it all-inclusive. Prepared primarily for the five or six members of the COUNCIL who were unable to be present, copies will be sent to all other members as well, because of additional comments which it may prompt me to make in the writing.

As indicated above, the meeting was very well attended. There were two guests. We began with a report by Colonel Bunker on the recent Nassau Conference held by Kenneth de Courcy of Intelligence Digest, which Conference Colonel Bunker attended as officially representing The John Birch Society. Colonel Bunker was not enthusiastic about any accomplishments of the Conference. We then heard Hilaire du Berrier give us highlights of the present situation in France and in South Vietnam as well as he could in half an hour. A short period of questions followed. And his excellent but realistic report did not make any of us feel any better or more hopeful about events in either of the countries covered.

The writer than reported briefly -- well, reasonably so! -- on some aspects of the recent attacks from the Right which it had seemed unwise to put in the Bulletin. Questions and an open discussion followed until time for luncheon.

II

After luncheon there was a showing of the new twenty-eight minute film, A Brief Introduction To The John Birch Society. Since I had made it in Washington only a week before -- it was produced by Washington Video, the same people who turned out Operation Abolition and also our own earlier and longer JBS films -- the very first print reached Chicago just in time for this showing to the COUNCIL. So I had not seen it myself, and was quite nervous as to the quality of the job done and the impression it would make. The reaction was favorable, however, and we hope that the film will serve many useful purposes. Prints will be sup-

plied our Coordinators as rapidly and extensively as we can afford it, and will be available to all others (directly from this office) at \$75.00 each. Tape recordings of this Brief Introduction will also be available at \$10.00 each.

After the film showing the meeting went into executive session, with our two guests out of the room. I offered to leave the room, too, but was requested simply to let somebody else take the chair instead. Bill Grede did so, and there followed a general discussion of many things suggested by, or in connection with, the recent attacks on us by Buckley, Nixon, and others. Criticisms were offered and suggestions made concerning my handling of some matters. But on the whole I believe that the sense of the meeting is reflected fairly in the enclosed sheet, To Our Staff, which is self-explanatory.

A major point for discussion was the effect of my speeches. There was little doubt that the speeches did help both the morale and the efforts of our members in any area where they have been given. Also, some of them net as much as fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars per speech for the Society -- as did my speeches in January both in Seattle and San Diego. But the quotations from them, and especially from the question-and-answer periods afterwards, are carried out of context and in distorted versions by the press all over the country. And if the question-and-answer periods are omitted, then I am smeared for being unwilling to face questions.

Because there are so many considerations both ways, no decision was reached. For one reason, because I am at present planning to put more of whatever time and energy I can allot to speech-making once again into the full two-day seminars for selected "top-level" guests, such as I held a few weeks ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chandler in San Marino -- with sixty-seven people present for the two days, and many "turned away" for a later seminar. There are two more of these seminars now scheduled, one for the latter part of March and one for the middle of April, each limited to approximately sixty-five people, both because this is about the maximum number that can be accommodated comfortably for two full days in even the largest homes, and because it is also probably the maximum number for the greatest effectiveness of my presentation. And if any member of our COUNCIL would like to put together for me any similar meeting for leading conservatives in his state or area, for any month from April to September inclusive, I should be glad to fill the engagement and would be very appreciative of the help.

In the meantime, I pointed out, I did still have a few speeches to which I was already committed, especially in March and April as set up around these seminars. With regard to a suggestion that the text of my speeches

be submitted in advance to members of the COUNCIL, I pointed out that I do not "dash off" speeches, but put so much work and research and rewriting into each one that I have made only two speeches during the past year, merely repeating Through All The Days To Be and then Republics and Democracies over and over to different audiences; and that every member has had both of these speeches in printed form for several months. I have now added the very short speech, A Brief Introduction, which was shown on film to the COUNCIL and which had already been highly approved by several members of the COUNCIL before it was filmed. The next "major speech" on which I am working, to have ready as occasions may require, is In Just Ten Years. And a condensed projection of that speech is being published as If You Want It Straight in the April issue of AMERICAN OPINION, now at the printers. It is very much still in preparation, and any comments, or criticisms, will be welcome.

One thing I intended to mention, but forgot because time did get tight and crowded, was my forthcoming television interview over WGN, Chicago, this coming Sunday night, March 18. I accepted only three television appearances for the whole winter from September to June. One was over Dr. Fifield's Sunday afternoon program, just before I was to speak on Tuesday for The Freedom Club in his church. In that interview Dr. Fifield went all out in his support of myself and the Society, and I am sure the program (estimated to reach a million people) did us a lot of good.

One was over a very "left-wing" television station in Cleveland, Ohio, on a Sunday afternoon following two speeches I made there on a Saturday. (One speech was A Brief Introduction, to the City Club live and radio audience; the other was Republics and Democracies to our own people.) And rather surprisingly, I was treated quite fairly and even "royally" by this Cleveland television station. The members in the northern Ohio area all felt, anyway, that the results were very helpful and worthwhile.

The third commitment which I had made, way back last fall, and of course before the recent storm of abuse from the Right had started, was to appear on WGN's "Your Right To Say It," which is run by Northwestern University and moderated by Professor McBurney of their Speech Department. When I accepted the engagement I had the option of making the program a "live" interview on Sunday night, which option I still tried to maintain. For the truth is that today I simply cannot trust any canned program not to be monkeyed with in some way by somebody between filming on a Tuesday afternoon and showing on Sunday night. But in the meantime the producers had changed their policy so that all programs of "Your Right To Say It" had to be filmed in advance and I could not very well refuse on that score without risking that they would raise a huge rumpus about it. Any more than I could refuse, for the same reason, when at the last minute they brought in Jack Mabley as one of the two interviewers, after having submitted to me a list

of names, on which his did not appear, and which I had approved. (And he and I actually got along together quite well, both on the air and off.) So the program was filmed at the WGN studios in Chicago on Tuesday afternoon, March 13. I feel reasonably sure that there was nothing I said on the program (or off it) that will -- or at least should -- do us any harm. But there were about fifteen to twenty newspaper men present. And while I declined all interviews or even "comments" firmly but as politely as I could, there is never any telling what they will do with the television interview.

May I point out, however, that if I do not go on at least two or three such programs in the course of a whole winter, I am smeared for being unwilling to face the public (as I am to some extent anyway). It's just another case where I am "damned if I do and damned if I don't," and I simply must use the best judgment I can. This too is all a part of the battle, of course. But it always worries me that our COUNCIL members, through not knowing all of the circumstances (or even if they do), might think that judgment poor. So I like to offer at least some explanation of circumstances whenever there is an opportunity.

III

Last September Reverend Richard Ginder told me that he might have to resign from the COUNCIL, for reasons which it would be improper for either him or myself to indicate. And he did resign in December. He wanted no publicity about it whatsoever; and to show how much his heart is still with us, in the monthly magazine The Priest, which Father Ginder edits and controls, he ran glowing "letters" or articles in praise of the Society, in both the January and February issues. But since his resignation as it becomes known will be attributed -- entirely incorrectly -- to the recent criticisms, it has seemed to me that all members of the COUNCIL should know this much about it.

At the end of the meeting on Saturday, March 10, Coleman Andrews announced his intention to resign from the COUNCIL, giving as a reason something which had been said that afternoon (not about him in any way) with which he vigorously disagreed. But the other members (and I) did our best to get him to reconsider, he stayed and had drinks and then dinner with the dozen or more of us who remained, and we are all very hopeful that he will decide to stay with us.

Frank Cullen Brophy of Phoenix, and Robert D. Love of Wichita, both of whom joined the COUNCIL a couple of months ago, were present, Frank Brophy for his first meeting. And one entirely new member of the COUNCIL who joined specifically because of these recent attacks was Robert H. Montgomery, Senior Partner of one of the oldest, largest, and best law firms in Boston, and also author of the excellent book, Sacco Vanzetti --

The Murder And The Myth. We were all delighted to have Messrs. Brophy, Love, and Montgomery with us. The meeting adjourned officially at about 6:30 P. M. The next one will be held, also in Chicago, on Saturday, May 26. (We are making the last Saturday of each third month the normal meeting date, so as to avoid imposing on the Executive Committee for a separate meeting that month.) You will all receive further reminders about three weeks before May 26, and I shall be looking forward to seeing just as many members of the COUNCIL as can make it when that date arrives.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

P. S. Still forgotten above is the fact that, at considerable inconvenience to myself and with considerable reluctance, I accepted some time back an invitation of the Gridiron Club to be a guest at their annual dinner this year, and shall be going to Washington (white tie and all) for that dinner this coming Saturday night, March 17. The President of the United States will, of course, be there. And everybody to whom I talked (after first declining the invitation) thought I should go. So I changed a two-day meeting already set up for that week end, accepted the invitation -- and can only hope it is the right thing to do.

P. P. S. And I am aware, before even reading this back, that there are entirely too many "I's" in this letter. But it is a personal report, and there simply is not enough spare time for me to do the careful rewriting that would be necessary for me to get them out and still say the same thing. So here's hoping you will forgive me, this once anyway, for the awkward and embarrassing result. RW

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 14, 1962

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
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Dear Frank:

When you called your penmanship poor I must, in all honesty, agree with you, but then I read someplace that men who waste their time learning to become good penmen never amount to much in other fields. Anyway, I enjoyed your letter and, while I haven't received the book you sent, I am looking forward to receiving it. I have just finished, by the way, an excellent book, "The Cypresses Believe in God," which is not only the best novel approach to the Spanish Civil War I have ever read, it is a book that all Catholics would enjoy. It was recommended to me by General Grandes, Franco's right-hand man.

On the subject of the Balkans, I did a lot of research into this and wrote one of my papers for the Air War College on the subject from a military standpoint, and I am still convinced that had we used the Balkan approach, we would not be bothered with the Russian problem today.

Relative to Montgomery's piece, you answered him correctly and in almost the exact manner that I did when he submitted his remarks for my comments. What many of these naive people do not understand is that the mere appearance on the platform of a man who is running for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Texas with the Republican Senator from Texas and the Chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee amounts to tacit approval, and the sole reason I withdrew Walker's invitation was to remove the chances of political implication.

As to your friend in New Jersey, I can only say what I have said to you, Pat Manion, and others in the Birch Society for almost two years, that if this gentleman were confronted not just once daily, but sometimes three or four times a day with the question of how can I support Bob Welch when he throws the word communist at everyone who disagrees with him and makes wild unsupportable statements, I think he would be better able to understand the position I have been forced to take. I think I have been staunch in my defense of my friends in the Birch Society and staunch in their general purpose of anti-communism, but


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to try to defend Welch publicly is a hopeless, useless task. To indicate to you what I mean by these statements of his I am searching my files for a record Buckley and I kept and, if I don't find it here I will get a copy from Bill and send it to you. My conservatism has never wavered nor will it, but I am not naive enough to think that anyone's political philosophy is going to get anyplace outside of the two-party structure, and I will continue to work within the Republican Party in the hope that they some day will realize their responsibilities toward conservatism. I might say there is more than just scanty indication that conservatism is becoming a force.

With best wishes,


Barry Goldwater

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

May 7, 1962

To All Members Of The COUNCIL:

This is to remind you that the next meeting of our COUNCIL will be at the Union League Club, in Chicago, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 26. ✓

Subtly, steadily, rapidly, sometimes visibly and always invisibly, the Communist advance continues everywhere: In Laos and South Vietnam, in Kenya and the Congo, in Brazil and Uruguay, in Italy and France, in a dozen other "hot spots of the Cold War," and -- most important of all -- in the United States.

Under these circumstances each meeting of our COUNCIL becomes increasingly more important. For, as small as we still are in relation to the need, our role in the struggle becomes yearly, and even monthly, more vital and more significant. Around us everywhere, in great religious and political organizations as well as in smaller groups and among anti-Communist leaders, we find internal schisms, short-sighted political opportunism, frustration, defeatism, compromise even as to moral principles, ignorance of the real nature of our enemy, and utterly unrealistic approaches to our danger.

It is our clear duty, opportunity, and destiny, to supply the organizational firmness, the unwavering sense of direction, the unremitting drive, the sound leadership, the energizing inspiration, and the permanence of purpose around which can be rallied enough patriotic strength to save our country -- and thus to set off the gathering storm of explosive reactions against established or encroaching tyranny, which will annihilate the whole world-wide Communist conspiracy. By our survival of the ordeals to which we have been subjected, by the very nature of the times and of the needs, our real growth in numbers, in strength, and in effectiveness is just about to begin. To that end we shall increasingly count on the experience, the support, and the actual labors of the COUNCIL to whatever extent individual members of the COUNCIL can contribute of their time and energy. So we are hoping that, with one or two anticipated and unavoidable exceptions, we shall have almost all members present at this forthcoming meeting. There will be several matters of unusual importance to discuss.

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And I shall thus be looking forward very much to seeing you early in the morning of Saturday, May 26.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

P.S. The formal meeting will break up at 5:30 P.M. -- not before. But dinner will be available as usual for all members who wish to stay for informal discussions during the evening. RW

May 22, 1962

Mr. Robert Welch,
The John Birch Society,
BELMONT 78, Mass.

Dear Bob:

Due to something unfortunate happening to my left eye, I will not be in Chicago as I had planned. It now looks as though I will probably be in the hospital in San Francisco for several weeks getting repaired. I am extremely sorry to miss this meeting, and I will probably have to miss the next meeting since I plan to be in the Pacific Northwest in August.

One of the reasons I wanted to be there was to present my views concerning the Birch Society's attitude in regard to DeGaulle. I think you and I disagree on this subject, but I know you will be glad to present my views anyway.

In this regard, I enclose three articles which have recently appeared in the local paper, written by my friend Michael Padev who is now in Europe. This writer is a true conservative, and is very definitely on our side. He is a European - Bulgarian by birth - but spent many years in London. He speaks Russian and 4 or 5 other languages. I stress the point that he is a European because the average American finds it difficult to think like a European, or even to appreciate the European mentality. I feel that I can make such a statement because I am only a first generation American, and I believe I think as a European as well as an American, and I recognize the great gap that extends between the two. Therefore, I repeat, Padev has a sound appreciation of the political problems involved in present-day France, and he also has the advantage of being objective. I find that his point of view is pretty much in line with other observers I have checked in London and on the Continent.

I am not unaware of the terrible situation in Algeria, and I am not at all sure that De Gaulle's Algerian policy may not result in throwing the north of Africa into the hands of the F.E.N. However, I do not think he adopted this policy for that purpose, nor do I think that DeGaulle is anymore of a traitor to France than Salan. Both men view the problem of France from quite different angles and, to me, this is understandable. Sentimentally, I am on Salan's side. If certain assumptions I make are correct, then, intellectually, I am on DeGaile's side.

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In neither case, however, do I consider that I have any real right to an opinion because of my ignorance of the intricacies of the problems undoubtedly involved on both sides of the dispute.

The main thing I cling to is the fact that DeGaulle is the French government today, he is strongly pro-French, he is not at all impressed with the U.S. Government, and can be counted upon to pretty well checkmate the moves of our State Department insofar as they are hostile to the interests of the West.

France, under DeGaulle, is a much more dependable country than it was before. Obviously, he is running the country in a dictatorial manner as much as Batista, Trujillo, Franco and Salazar have done, but I think you will admit that government under such men is far preferable to government under the mob, or under Communist dictatorship.

Aside from all this, however, I would like to point out that the Birch Society has a lot more important things to do than get itself involved in the French problem. Our problems at home are so great that if we work 24 hours a day on them we still will be short of time. What the John Birch Society does about DeGaulle will have absolutely no bearing on what happens in France. However, if we do take a partisan position, and are strongly anti-DeGaulle, and then it should turn out a year or so hence that, as Conservatives, we were really on the same side all the time, we could be made to look very ridiculous. And that is something our opponents would like to see happen. Since we have nothing to gain and considerable to lose by getting the John Birch Society involved in the French controversy, I strongly urge you and the members of the Council to keep away from it at this time. By the end of this year, we may all be able to see this situation much more clearly, and if at that time we find that DeGaulle is what you think he is, then he and the U.S. State Department will be hand-in-glove, just as the U.S. State Department and the U.N. are now. There is little evidence that this is the fact about DeGaulle at this time. Therefore, I say lay off.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank Cullen Brophy

cc. Dean Clarence Manion
R. Welch-Union League Club, Chicago.

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
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Dear Frank:

Although I disagree with you one hundred percent, both as to De Gaulle and as to the importance of presenting the De Gaulle story to as many American patriots as we can reach, this is written very hurriedly just to let you know that I intend to abide by your wishes, and say nothing about De Gaulle in the June bulletin.

I am terribly sorry to learn about the "something unfortunate" happening to your left eye. And I certainly hope that the repairs will be rapid and complete. We shall be missing you very much in Chicago tomorrow -- I even have one speaker coming from New York to the meeting, who was invited primarily for your benefit, although I certainly shall not tell anybody that, with you absent -- and I do hope that you will be able to make the August meeting despite your present expectations.

I may either write you a long letter, or prepare a lengthy memorandum, on the De Gaulle matter, Frank, as soon as I can possibly get to it after my next trip to the West Coast. (For we are not guessing!) But in the meantime, let me simply send you all good wishes and my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:th

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Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a transcript of the brief talk made at our COUNCIL meeting last Saturday by Mr. Samuel Blumenfeld.

Since it was to a considerable extent for your benefit that I had arranged for Mr. Blumenfeld to come to Chicago to talk to our COUNCIL on this matter, I was for that reason doubly sorry about the injury to your eye which kept you from being present. And in answering questions for almost an hour after delivering the short talk, Mr. Blumenfeld covered a lot of ground and gave out a lot of information which does not, of course, appear in these pages. But I believe you will find them of considerable interest, anyway.

I still do not have time to write the long letter on the subject which I so much wish I could write, and which I think is needed. I was well aware of the Pardev articles, for instance, before you sent me the clippings. And I could write you quite a bit about both Michael Pardev and these articles. He seems to be playing one of the roles, with regard to De Gaulle, that was played by H. L. Matthews, Dale Frances, and Jules Du Bois -- to say nothing of Dickey Chappelle--with regard to Castro. Don't forget that the biggest mistake which Eugene Pulliam, as a really outstanding American patriot, ever made, was to get himself sold the nonsense that "Taft can't win," and thus tied to the Eisenhower bandwagon; that Pardev was sold to Pulliam as a foreign correspondent for his papers, back in 1956, almost certainly with the help of the Administration, while Pulliam was still doing his best to maintain his confidence in Eisenhower, and subjecting himself to a lot of self-delusion in the process; and that up till that time Pardev's most recent assignment had been as a script writer, in Munich, for Voice Of America!

The two main points here, Frank, are, first, that we are not guessing about De Gaulle. Anymore than we were guessing about Castro before him, or Sukarno before that. When we were

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pointing out emphatically in print, in 1956, that Sukarno was a Communist, period, practically at the very time when Richard Nixon was introducing him to a joint session of both Houses of our Congress as "the George Washington of Indonesia," it was because the record was absolutely for those who wanted to look at it objectively. We could not possibly afford to be guessing. And when we insisted equally emphatically in the fall of 1958, and in January of 1959, that Castro was a Communist, right at the time when Harvard University and our State Department were both glorifying him as a revolutionary idealist who could not possibly be a Communist, and months before American publications like Reader's Digest had stopped glorifying him in the same way, it was again because the record was indisputable and clear to anybody who wanted to pay attention to the facts. We were not guessing in that case either, and could not possibly have afforded to be guessing. For during the spring months of 1959 Dale Frances in particular, reaching a million Catholic readers through the pages of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR -- including thousands of our strongest supporters -- was ridiculing me mercilessly as an ignoramus who was stupid enough to say Castro was a Communist because I didn't know what I was talking about. The smear to which we were subjected from so many sides, with regard to our position on Castro, was far more vicious and more extensive than anything which is likely to arise with regard to our position on De Gaulle. But the situations are remarkably similar, nevertheless. And again the facts are absolutely clear for those who really want to see them, and are realistic enough not to be blinded by their hopes.

The second major point is that we have seen a huge backward nation like China go down under the Communist heel, and we have even seen a comparatively small one of the highly industrialized and best educated Caucasian nations, namely Czechoslovakia, taken over by the Communists. But here for the first time, in France, we at last see one of the great nations of the world, highly industrialized, highly educated, a leading power, a nation in the same category with ourselves, from so many points of view, actually being taken over by the Communists, with its gradual conversion into a Communist police state already starting. And to my mind there is nothing more important than to have the American people become aware of what is happening to the first of the three or four great powers like ourselves to fall under the Communist tyranny, and how it is happening. For we are far better able to get the truth about the insidious steps and cruel measures by which De Gaulle and his Communist pals are subjugating France, over to the American people than we ever shall be able to tell them about the same process when it gets under way in America -- or even than the anti-Communists like ourselves can tell the French people about what is really happening in France today. And in my opinion, unless

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we can rapidly develop enough strength to put far more brakes on the bandwagon of Communist progress than we are yet able to exert, we have less than three more years before we shall be undergoing the same beginnings of police-state subjugation of ourselves to the Communist tyranny at the top.

There are so many more things I should like to write you about this whole subject, Frank, but there are just too many urgent pressures on my time. And there are so many important letters which I need to write if I could do so. Actually, we are holding off again from any request for any action with regard to the French picture, in our agenda in the June bulletin, because I want to prove to both Pat and yourself that I will listen to you. And with good grace, and actually with much appreciation for your advice. But this does not mean that I don't disagree with you -- as you can readily see! -- or that I can't try to bring you around to my point of view, so far as I can muster the energy and spare the time to do so.

I do not know whether, by this time, you are now in San Francisco, or still in Phoenix. But I certainly hope that your eye is making rapid recovery, or on the way to doing so, wherever you may be. And I send you, as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

October 8, 1962

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

Please accept and read this as if it were a letter to each of you. It covers a number of different matters in which I think you will all be interested, and is an attempt on my part to cover correspondence to which I simply have no chance of writing adequate individual replies.

1. It is no news to any of you that the pressure on my time is continuous and heavy. Over the past ten days, however, it has increased out of all proportion to anything experienced before. Some of the reasons will become evident from the rest of this memorandum. There are two objectives, therefore, which I try to keep always in mind. The first is to stay as level-headed under it all as I can. In general this means doing what I believe the total COUNCIL would approve, if each of you could see the whole picture every day from the total of information, criticisms, and suggestions which pour into this office. The second is to use the time and energy I do have to the very best advantage I can determine. Hence this memorandum in place of a dozen individual letters, some of which would themselves run to several pages.

2. About General Walker. We have been flooded with letters, telegrams, and long distance telephone calls from all over the United States, many of them demanding my individual attention. Giving this attention even to the demands of the members of our COUNCIL, our most important financial supporters, and those who are doing the most important volunteer work for us in the field, would be an utter physical impossibility. I tried to cover the situation for our members at large as well as I could -- and as fully as I dared -- in our October Bulletin, which I hope you have all read. I'll try to go some what further in this report and explanation for yourselves.

Roughly two-thirds of these communications are from members -- both influential members and plain hardworking patriots -- who think we have "let Walker down." These range all the way from those who are mildly disappointed and critical; through those who say that if we are not going to use The John Birch Society organization to back General Walker then they are going to form separate organizations of their own for that specific purpose; to those who insisted the time had come to get out the guns, march to Springfield, Missouri, and rally behind a great patriotic General who was determined to save his country while there was still time.

About one-third of these communications have been of the general tenor that "if you do not force Walker to resign from the Society, then I shall." These, too, have come from members of all levels of importance. But the members most disturbed have been, in general,

those more or less directly concerned about the political situation, in California, Texas, and many other states.

Most of these communicants, on both sides of the argument, do not begin to know all of the facts or considerations which either support or refute their side. And, of course, we do not pretend to know them all ourselves, because the picture has been made incredibly confused by stupidity, falsehoods, prejudices, and design. With regard to developments and Walker's actions inside Mississippi, we believe we have as dependable sources of information, from members of unimpeachable integrity and level-headedness right on the spot, as anybody in the United States. And we can tell you, we believe with justifiable confidence, that Walker was not guilty of hardly anything with which he has been charged. On the other hand, before going to ~~Texas~~^{Miss.}, he definitely had issued some statements which seemed to us then -- and still do -- to have been extremely foolish, and with which we refused to associate ourselves in any way when we were advised of them for the purpose of obtaining that association. On the other hand again, and as ably pointed out by Walter Trohan in the Chicago Tribune, the railroad-ing of Walker to a mental hospital prison, on the certificate of a government psychiatrist who had never even seen Walker and admits that he was going by what he had read in the papers, and on the order of a judge who did not even allow Walker to appear, establishes a precedent which constitutes a very serious threat to the freedom and safety of every citizen in the United States, and which must not be allowed to stand.

But from the point of view of the Society, there are still other factors involved, some of which we do not think it wise to discuss specifically even here. For one thing, General Walker has not only been guided by the advice of Medford Evans and, increasingly of late and especially with regard to the Mississippi situation, of Evatts Haley, and not only does that advice seem to many of us to leave much to be desired in the matter of soundness; but much more recently Walker has also been listening to advice from another source, and refusing to pay any attention to those who have tried to caution him about this source, and it is one which we do not trust at all, even as to good intentions. There is, in our opinion, danger of some very serious embarrassment to a lot of good Conservatives and even to the Conservative cause in general, if Walker continues to listen to that advice, or takes any overt actions based on it, or even merely gets himself definitely associated with this source. And since General Walker is noted for his obstinacy, we have to be as careful as we can not to let ourselves be dragged into this association in any way, even at the expense of having two-thirds of our members angry and many of them even resigning or threatening to do so because we are not giving Walker "the support which he should have." And the report that we have "abandoned" Walker is now being deliberately spread all over New York City, and among the Conservatives in many other places, to hurt the Society.

To sum this whole matter up, what we wrote for the Bulletin exactly

one week ago tonight with regard to this whole situation still seems to us to have been the best we could have said and done then, and the best we could say or do now.

3. Public Statements. At the last COUNCIL meeting it was voted that we should, with some frequency, issue to the press public statements beginning somewhat as follows: "The John Birch Society takes the stand....." At first it was then understood that I would try to check with the members of the Executive Committee, for approval of any such statements to be issued. Later it was suggested, by some members of the Executive Committee itself, that if and when checking with them proved difficult, I should, naturally using discretion and the best judgment of which I was capable, go right ahead and issue such statements anyway. So there has now reached me some criticism for not having made any such public statements during the dramatic and even historic developments, with regard to both Cuba and Mississippi, during the past few weeks.

Again, there were considerations of which these critics were not fully aware. The first and foremost is the very definite conspiracy of silence, with regard to The John Birch Society, which has been imposed on the press of the nation by some push-button part of the left-wing propaganda machine. Except for the fact that the advisers of George Romney obviously did not get the signals -- or chose to ignore them, because of Romney's desire to prove to the Left that he could do in Michigan what Richard Nixon had been unable to do in California, namely destroy the Society in his state -- the blackout of news items about, and editorializing about, The John Birch Society has been strikingly complete. Only in some local paper, with regard to my appearance before a large audience, or some other local event which simply could not be ignored, there have not even been any smears about us in the press or on radio and television, and the whole communications mass network has sharply and completely reversed itself as to publicity about us, obviously under the impression of some central planners somewhere that the continued publicity was going to do us more good than harm. This blackout has been so strong and certain that even the statement which the COUNCIL itself issued, in the course of our last meeting, was not even sent out over either the Associated Press or the UPI wires. And except that it could hardly be completely ignored by the Boston Herald, to which it was given separately, and by the local radio stations, because of the local aspect of the news, this statement simply did not appear at all, and for the rest of the country it was as if it had not been made.

Now through having myself been very careful and chary of statements to the press, ever since the Society was founded, I have succeeded in getting into a position where if I did want to issue a statement I could demand and get an agreement that it would be carried in full, exactly as given to the press. And on the only two occasions when it has seemed important enough for me to go through this routine, the Associated Press has taken my statement on these

conditions and carried it verbatim on its wires throughout the country. I do not want to break down this position, which can at times become very important.

There have been three considerations involved, therefore. The first was that, if I did start issuing statements on Cuba and Mississippi or anything else, and if I kept them sound and level-headed and unless I made them extreme or dramatic, the press or at least the national wire services or a large segment of the press which the wire services supply simply were not going to carry any such statements at present at all. The second was that, by issuing such statements, and not getting them carried, we would very rapidly lose the news value of what we had to say, and the chance of getting such statements carried when, for some special reason, they might be extremely important to us. I get regularly copies of all kinds of two or three-page press releases issued by other Conservatives, such as Kent Courtney, none of which -- so far as I know -- ever actually appear in any newspapers that amount to anything, anywhere. And I don't want to see us get into that position; and especially, I don't want to see us help to get ourselves put into that position by issuing a lot of statements right at the very time when I know they are not going to be carried. And a third consideration is that, despite the drama of events over the past few weeks, it is very doubtful if we could have made any statement which -- even if carried -- would have done enough good to justify the risk we would have been running of having what we said twisted into doing us damage. For instance, I doubt if any statement we might have issued about the Mississippi situation, at any time, and in view of everything which has happened since, would not have come back to haunt us by now.

So I just want to point out that I am aware of these instructions or recommendations from the COUNCIL, and that I shall do my best to carry them out, and to get the Executive Committee to help me to carry them out, whenever we can do so with discretion. But I do not want to see us throw away any carefully built up asset, or dignity, for nothing. And we have to keep in mind at all times the terrific extent to which the cards are stacked against us.

4. The New Form Of Attacks On The Society. Having tried many other methods, the Left has now embarked on a whole series of separate but closely related efforts to weaken and destroy the Society. And our enemies are certainly and subtly pouring on these efforts, everywhere. In the last Bulletin we touched upon the effects -- whether intentional or not -- of the teachings of Joseph Galambos. In brief, these teachings, after going through a very sound and convincing exposition of the principles of conservatism, then wind up with the position and argument that if we are really anti-Communism in particular and anti-Collectivism in general, we must go all of the way in support of these principles and be complete individualists -- which means that we cannot possibly join any group or take part in any group action or concerted action, because this is a concession to collectivism and a violation of our principles. This theme is being energetically pushed in many areas of the

country, besides those reached by Mr. Galambos; and it is causing not only the resignation of a considerable number of good members, but the actual dissolution and loss of whole chapters of the Society.

Another form of the attack is in the extensive, emphatic, and almost violent spread of anti-Semitic theories. In many areas, our members are having it preached directly to them, and indirectly to them through other organizations and in other ways where the direct approach is not practicable, that they are both cowards and non-realists. The argument goes approximately as follows: "You know, and all good Christian Americans know, that the real trouble we face is all started, run, and controlled by the Jews. Fiddling around with other pretenses, and opposing other enemies, is just a waste of time, to which you are led because the head of The John Birch Society thinks it is politically smart not to be 'anti-Semitic.' But for the love of Pete, the way the enemy is closing in on us, let's quit being naive, call a spade a spade, realize who our real enemies are, and get to work meeting them head on." This movement is now so intensive and extensive that there is no doubt in my mind about its being part of a coordinated and carefully planned overall drive to destroy the Society. And because the ordinary American Jews do not realize that they are being just as misled and falsely represented by Communists in their ranks and their leadership, as our Methodists, for instance, by left-wingers high up in the hierarchy of their denomination, or even Catholics by a comparatively few but still very powerful and influential extreme left-wingers in strategic spots even in their clergy, it is fairly easy to inflame a lot of otherwise good Americans into believing the extremist nonsense, putting all of their efforts behind this terribly gross oversimplification of the problem, and giving up all other effort, organized or otherwise, for fighting the Communists. This drive is right now making a lot of damaging headway. The fact that we have closely associated with us in our total effort, right now, such courageous and self-sacrificing Jews as William Schlamm, Samuel Blumenfeld, and others; the fact that a number of our finest Chapter Leaders anywhere in the country are Jewish, and that one of our very ablest and most dedicated Volunteer Coordinators is Jewish; none of these facts mean anything in the face of this terrific drive, sparked we are sure by Communists or Communist sympathizers for the sake of the damage they can do to the anti-Communist cause -- or at least they certainly do not mean enough.

I'll not bore you any further, nor even take any more of my own time, with other details and examples of this nationwide attack on "philosophical" or "ideological" lines, all of which are based to some extent on taking our actual beliefs and principles and carrying them way beyond the realms of fairness, practicality, or common sense, to an extremist position which makes those who adopt such views desert the Society and become literally futile and useless in the total fight. But I did want simply to let you know some of the continuous and increasing problems which we now face, many of which are certainly going to get worse as time goes on.

Every week now there is some new anti-Communist group, or organization, or publication started, actually initiated and guided by one or more Communists behind the scenes, some of which immediately show its "reasonableness" with regard to the Communist opposition by attacking The John Birch Society as "extremists" who are really helping the Communists. It is utterly impossible for us to keep all of our members "straightened out" with regard to all of these outfits, even if it were wise or proper for us to undertake to tell the actual truth about them. The most we can do is to try to keep our members attuned to our solid principles, and to keep those principles and their presentation level-headed without sacrificing any of the realism and sensible aggressiveness which are so necessary to make our fight effective.

5. Parallel to the above, as a problem increasingly to be faced, is the use by the Communists of agents provocateurs with regard to overt acts, rather than just ideological persuasion to extremism. We have already seen some of this, as in the case of the bombs which were exploded in the homes of the ministers in California -- who were speaking on radio programs, at the very time, against "extremists" like The John Birch Society -- in such manner as to do as little damage as possible to the homes, but as much damage as possible to the Society. This is standard Communist technique -- which deGaulle used brazenly and repeatedly, for instance, to discredit the OAS and other anti-Communists in both Algeria and France itself -- and of which we shall be seeing increasing samples in this country, aimed at anti-Communists in general but some of them at The John Birch Society in particular.

If the University of Mississippi, for instance, and Governor Barnett and the State of Mississippi had quietly allowed the registration of James Meredith as a student, the most disappointed people in the world would have been the Communists and their dupes and allies and agents who had carefully planned the whole turmoil in Mississippi. These people cared absolutely nothing about the rights of the Negro, or integration, or "civil rights" in general, except as these things could be used to promote bitterness and strife and an excuse for sending in Federal troops and taking one more step in the direction of a police-state controlled from Washington. The Leftists leave nothing to chance, as is shown by the actions of the young man who was trying to pass out guns in one of the dormitories at Oxford, with the general approach of "Come on, fellows, let's stand up for our rights and show these dirty invaders that they cannot trample on us," until fortunately somebody recognized him as a Communist from Ohio.

The whole Mississippi operation was carefully planned as to almost every detail, and especially as to timing, to get the most possible advantage out of it for the Liberals, and damage to the Conservatives and anti-Communists everywhere in the country. The importance of the timing and the planning is shown by the fact that

when Clennon King, a Negro professor at a Negro college in Mississippi, who once wrote for AMERICAN OPINION, tried to register at the University of Mississippi in order to do graduate work in history, and was bodily thrown out, the Federal Government did not pay the slightest attention to the incident. They were not prepared to make the proper use of it for their nefarious purposes. But the recent affair, over the registration of James Meredith, was carefully prepared as, among other things, a trap for Conservatives. And we are going to be faced with plenty more such traps, little and large, as time goes on.

6. And now one paragraph with regard to some criticisms of a more personal nature. I have received such criticism, with regard to the last meeting of the COUNCIL, to the effect that I was arrogant and overbearing in my treatment of our young department heads who reported to the COUNCIL; that I spent the day and evening in glorifying myself and scolding the COUNCIL for not being more cooperative, winding up with a piece of self-adulation that was disgusting and unforgivable. To any extent that this was true, or even appeared true, I humbly apologize.

With regard to the first point, however, I work closely and hard with Tom Hill, Doug Morse, Scott Stanley, Dick Ober, Bob Meyer, and any others who reported, all of whom know quite a bit about our problems and pressures here, and I cannot believe that any of them felt mistreated in the slightest degree -- not even Doug Morse, whom I did "jump on" a bit for over-ambitiously trying to get his "literature" planted on the tables in front of those present before the meeting really got under way and we were ready to have it distributed.

With regard to the second point, all I intended, at least, was to keep pleading as emphatically as I could with all members of the COUNCIL to give us all of the help they could of every kind; and to look at the battle we are in, and our part in that battle, somewhat more realistically with regard to its urgency and importance than some of our very best COUNCIL members have appeared to regard it. Sitting where I am in the midst of this situation it is terribly hard not to keep begging everybody, including COUNCIL members, for more help at all times and of every kind. But I am also extremely appreciative of all of the help we do get, especially including above everything else the mere presence on the COUNCIL of, and this moral support of, men of the caliber and standing whom we have on our COUNCIL. And I had thought that I made this appreciation, as well as very deep appreciation for a great deal of more specific support and help of so many kinds, entirely evident even when I was pushing everybody for more. It has been my intention, anyway; and if I sometimes let the pressures of the things to be done, and the worries and problems to be considered, crowd out the memory of my manners, I am sorry.

With regard to the third point, I can honestly say that I had no other purpose in mind than to try to share with members of the COUNCIL some of the wonderful encouragement which we also get around here, in plentiful measure, along with the brickbats. I'll admit that, having picked out four or five letters for that purpose and put them in one of the folders, to be used at the COUNCIL meeting if I had the time and opportunity, I had completely forgotten how effusive the one letter, which I picked up to read, became in the middle and towards the end; and I was a bit shocked myself to find what I was reading until I broke off doing so. But the first part of that letter, which contained the reason why I had put it in the folder, did convey, I believe, a sense of encouragement to everybody. And as to the further part, if anybody thinks that those remarks or anything like them could give me any delusions of grandeur or accomplishment, they ought to sit in this office for just one day. In the face of the size of the task on which we are embarked, and of the opposition we face, anybody who could feel anything but frightened and small and worried about his ability to live up to his responsibilities and the needs of the undertaking would not even be human. Self-confidence in the practical approach to problems and decisions is absolutely necessary, if we are to get anywhere in this fight at all. But if anybody doubts the real inner humility on my part with regard to the whole job, then they either do not see the job in its full size, or do not believe that I do. For, as the Scotsman said about golf -- and not to be facetious nor even less serious, but simply because it is an apt illustration -- this is a "humblin'" game. And I live in the midst of worrying about how little I can accomplish, out of so much that needs to be done, with regard to both specific jobs and the total undertaking, every day of my life. And nothing I say or do, in the way of trying to share with you good friends on the COUNCIL some of the praise and encouragement we get, in the midst of all of the disappointments and problems and smears, should ever be construed otherwise.

7. From the time the Society was founded, right up to the present, about three-fourths of all of my time and energy has had to go into efforts and explanations to try to keep our own people satisfied, and to maintain their enthusiasm or support. Since we are dealing with individualists, and in thousands of cases, very able and determined individualists, this is the part of our whole plan and undertaking which the Communists did not think it was possible for us to do. And to some extent they still do not, at least in the face of all of their efforts to undermine and break down our unity, as was made clear by the recent smearing statement of Joseph Kornfeder at the time when he got himself associated with Colonel Kintner. So this allocation of time pretty much has to be taken for granted. Of the remaining one-fourth, about one-half, or thus one-eighth of the total, has to be devoted to raising money. And this leaves about one-eighth of the total of time and energy and thinking which can be devoted to the problem of how to use our

unified strength, such as we have and all that we can gather and gain in the future, to the best possible advantage in the real job of stopping the Communists. None of these amounts of time and energy and thinking are at all adequate for their respective purposes; but I simply have to make the best use of what there is, so far as I am able, in each division of effort.

8. Despite everything our enemies can do, we are now gaining in both strength and numbers again, somewhat more rapidly than during the past few months. And I mean net gain over and above all defections by members and "purges" of the indifferent by ourselves. Last week showed the greatest net gain in both new chapters and new members for any week since February. And while it is still far less than what we had hoped for our rate of growth by this time, or than it would have been without the Buckley attack and everything that went with that attack behind the scenes, it contains many elements of encouragement. Once we get over the effects of the political campaigns on our money raising -- which have been serious -- and unless the results of those campaigns prove more damaging than I expect, I think we can start moving ahead again considerably more rapidly than during these past many months, despite everything the enemy can throw at us along the lines indicated earlier in this memorandum.

9. With regard to the memorandum itself, I really do apologize for writing you such a long one. To quote once more the apt and penetrating witticism, which goes back to Pascal, and behind him to Cicero, and behind him to goodness knows what earlier scribe, the long letter was necessary because I simply did not have time to write you a shorter one. But despite its length, I hope you will consider it as strictly confidential, and written for members of the COUNCIL only. And along with my humble apologies and regrets for the many things I do wrong, and for all that I fail to do which would be right, I send to each of you my most earnest thanks and my very kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch

Following is the briefest sort of summary report on current developments in American Opinion Speakers Bureau.

I. The key to really activating the American Opinion Speakers Bureau has proven to be the members of The John Birch Society.

While we requested as little as possible of the Coordinators' time, since it was urgently needed for Society growth, it was necessary to ask them to:

1. continue to recommend speakers
2. help us in forming state-wide AOSB committees

We date an entirely new surge of activity from Committee formation. In one state, it resulted right away in a five-engagement tour for Hilaire du Berrier. Others are resulting in still other areas.

Since du Berrier's return to this country on November 15, he has received, through American Opinion Speakers Bureau, about 20 requests to speak and, at the present rate, we may have developed a total of 50 by the time he returns to France, about March 15

II. Other tours in the making and somewhat dependent on projecting forward the cooperation of John Birch Society members, are:

January

W. Cleon Skousen	5 engagements in Milwaukee and Minnesota
José Norman	7 engagements in Illinois area
Westbrook Pegler	4 engagements in north east
Estimated month's engagements, 30	

February

all of the above plus five or six engagements each for Edward Hunter, Hans Sennholz, Willis E. Stone, and Ethan Stangland
Estimated month's engagements, 50

March

all of the above plus five or six engagements each for Doctor E. Merrill Roote, William E. Warner, Doctor George Carter, others
Estimated month's engagements, 75

By the end of May of 1963 we expect to reach a solid 20, possibly 30 engagements per week.

III. Next, there is the growth or success we hope to achieve on the regular lecture circuit of the commercial lecture agencies, reaching "mainstream" groups, retail trade, technical associations, colleges and universities.

A mailing to several hundred will go out soon. We will do the best we can.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 14, 1962

To Members Of Our COUNCIL:

For the sake of those who were not present let us report that we had a well-attended and most successful meeting in New York on December 8.

Core of the meeting during the day was a discussion by four of our Major Coordinators, on problems, programs, and prospects in the field. Then in the evening we had speeches on the same general theme by Reed Benson of Utah and the Hon. John H. Rousselot of California, both new members of our staff. All six of these young men, and their respective reports, were well received. Many members of the COUNCIL commented to me that this was the best, and also the most encouraging, meeting we had ever had.

The next session of the COUNCIL will be on Saturday, March 9, at the Union League Club, Chicago. It will start promptly at 9:00 A.M., and the regular business session will last until 5:30 P.M. But we shall follow the new practice, which met with an enthusiastic response in New York, of having a reception at 6:00 P.M., dinner at 7:00, and reconvening at 8:30 for an evening meeting which will last until 10:30 P.M. Wives and other members of COUNCILORS' families, and specially invited guests, will be welcome for the reception, dinner, and evening session. And since we now expect to have one or two important and excellent speakers for that occasion, we hope that as many of you will plan to attend as possible. ✓

We are enclosing a memo from Doug Morse on the progress and activities of the Speaker's Bureau, in which we believe you will be interested. And we shall send each of you in due course a duplicated copy of the letter from Dr. Draskovich (now in Europe) which was simply too long to be read at the meeting itself as he had hoped. In this way you will certainly have more time to give his comments your careful consideration.

Also enclosed is copy of a news release unanimously approved and issued by the COUNCIL at the New York meeting. Because of the visible "conspiracy of silence" now in effect throughout the press, with regard to any favorable or even objective news about, or releases by, the Society, this statement has hardly appeared anywhere. But we shall reproduce it in our January Bulletin, with printed copies available, for personal forwarding by our members to their local papers. And since Congress will be just about reconvening then, we believe it will be equally as timely as when issued -- especially as a basis for editorial comment.

As some of you may already be aware, a whole new attack has now been

launched against us. These attacks come in waves, each with its own theme and tactic. The plot of the present wave is to tie us, in the public mind, by every kind of innuendo, distortion, and actual falsehoods, to George Lincoln Rockwell and his so-called Nazi Party. The opening shot in that campaign was the publication by the Saturday Evening Post, without the slightest justification, of my picture next to that of Rockwell. We believe you will see many thrusts of this attack all over the country, some of them -- like the one that has just occurred here in Boston -- indicating long planning by the Left in advance. We shall probably have more to say about this whole campaign, and what we are doing about it and think should be done, in the January Bulletin. At present let us simply say that we have never had any slightest contact of any kind with Rockwell, nor knowingly with any of his associates. We have no intention of having any in the future. And we are peremptorily dropping from the Society the one infiltrator who turns out to have had some friendly contact with some of Rockwell's associates in the past.

The game is really getting rough, because we keep right on growing, and frightening the Communists by what they think we might be able to do in the future. But when the pro-Communist schemers resort to Gordon Hall and his ilk to carry the ball for them in a major drive, they are clearly showing signs of desperation so far as their hopes of destroying us are concerned. With your help and that of a lot of other great Americans we intend to make them even more desperate in the future.

In the meantime, my very best wishes to one and all for a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

March 19, 1963

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for one copy of the first published edition of The Politician, which you will please send to me at Hughes, Arkansas. I admire your tremendous nerve and guts in publishing this and I hope that it makes you independently wealthy as I believe it will. You are entitled to such a reward.

I also would like to order another copy, at the \$5.00 rate, to be sent to Father Jude, c/o Christian Brothers College, 650 East Parkway South, Memphis, Tennessee, and bill him directly. He wants a copy. He is very much on our team.

I now come up with a suggestion that may not sit well with you but I firmly believe that you should submit your resignation to the John Birch Society as proof positive of the absolute divorce-ment of interest between the Society and The Politician. I make this suggestion with the full knowledge that no one possibly could lead the Society as well as you have done and are doing, but I think in all fairness to the large membership of the Society this absolute divorce should be accomplished, and inasmuch as no man is indispensable I am sure a successor can be found to carry on the Society and I think it will grow in leaps and bounds after such divorcement.

I assure you of my confidence and faith because I have never found you wrong on a prediction or on a statement, and I have felt free to criticize you as I did recently in a letter regarding the article about Mrs. Roosevelt by Westbrook Pegler, and I now think that the least you can do is submit this matter of a divorce directly to your Council members, whose judgment should be final.

With very kind personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Snowden

RBS:mb
Encl.

blc: Mr. Frank C. Brophy
blc: Father Jude

April 10, 1963

Mr. Robert Welch,
The John Birch Society,
BELMONT 78, Mass.

Dear Bob:

At our last meeting, Tom Anderson said he would like to go to Panama to look into the situation there. I thought that was an excellent idea because, before the Birch Society should take any stand in this situation, it should have first-hand knowledge concerning it. Accordingly, I made fairly extensive arrangements to give Mr. Anderson the best opportunities to find out what is actually going on down there. I wrote him two letters explaining the situation, and, of course, intended to do considerably more to make his trip fruitful. However, since our conversation in Chicago, I have heard nothing further from Mr. Anderson - not even an acknowledgement of my letters.

Do you suppose Mr. Anderson is no longer interested in the project, or is he the sort of person who gets very enthusiastic, and then forgets. I do not want to make a nuisance of myself, and if I happen to get involved with the wrong person for this sort of an assignment, the quicker I find out the better, because I can probably get someone else to do the job. Please let me have your frank opinion as to how I should proceed.

Incidentally, I am amazed at how they have kept this Panama situation out of the American press. Apparently, the people down there are all stirred up about the lawsuit that is now in progress, but one sees practically nothing about it in this country. I think some of the people there feel as I do that unless this matter is exposed soon, and a lot of work done on the Congress, we will probably find the Canal gone, just as Cuba was given away under the Eisenhower Administration. If the situation is as bad as I think it is, the Birch Society is about the only organization I know that can get the sort of results that will be required to stop this catastrophe.

I realize how busy you are, but I hope you will give me a reply on this right away, because this is a matter we either do something about now -- or else, write it off.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix 20, Arizona

Dear Frank:

No, Tom Anderson is not a man of quick enthusiasms which fade away. In fact, I know of no man in America who will stand by his principles and purposes more firmly and more permanently, under pressures and harassments of every kind, than Tom Anderson. So that cannot be the reason why he has not pursued the investigation of the situation in Panama.

What that reason is I do not know. But I can at least hazard a guess. As you are aware, Tom runs a farm magazine, FARM AND RANCH, with something over a million circulation. For the past two or three years, as the tactics of the Left against all outspoken conservatives or aggressive anti-Communists have become dirtier and more extensive, Tom has found advertising revenue being cut out from under his publication by pressures of every kind. So that he has really had his hands full; and I believe this is especially true with regard to the late spring and early summer issues of this monthly magazine. I remember that at just about this time last year he was having some very serious problems.

I have not heard from Tom at all since our last COUNCIL meeting, so I have nothing positive to go on in this guess. Also, please consider it as strictly confidential. But it would be my guess, nevertheless, that he was and still is very much interested in looking into the picture in Panama, both for the sake of what the Society may be able to do about it, and for some exposure in his own paper. You may remember that it was his FARM AND RANCH which was the first publication of any sizable or national circulation, or which amounted to anything, that brought the Billie Sol Estes mess to light and thus helped Dr. John Dunn to bring about the exposure and eventual indictment of Estes. But that Tom has found himself so increasingly beset by serious business problems that he has not seen how he could get away, and on the other hand

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy

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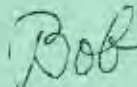
has not wanted to turn loose or give up the project. So that he has simply been writing you nothing until he could make, or had to make, a decision one way or the other.

To be perfectly candid, Frank -- and this is even more strictly confidential -- I am by no means sure that simply the personal expenses of making the trip to Panama might not be bothering Tom Anderson today, as well as the difficulties of being away from his business problems that long. And since he had, by both hard work and great ability, built up what was only three or four years ago a very successful and profitable publishing enterprise, this kind of obstacle is something he might be reluctant to talk about today. And it may be that because of the combination of difficulties he will have to give up the prospects of making the investigation, and so advise you in time. But I don't know any of this, and repeat that I am only guessing.

I wonder how it would be, if you still do not hear from him in another week or two, or after one more letter, for you simply to call him on the telephone. I do not want to get into the picture personally, if I can help it, for a number of reasons -- the chief of which is that I am so unbelievably crowded and over worked, by pressures of so many kinds from so many different sources, that I become simply a bottleneck for any arrangements to be made through me. But if and when Tom Anderson (or anybody else of his caliber whom you find to undertake the job) does come up with the results of a thorough and careful investigation of developments in Panama, and presentation of the situation, I'll have either AMERICAN OPINION or the Society or both take hold and see what we can do towards making the story more widely known to the American people, and towards stopping the sellout of the Canal to the Communists, to whatever extent we can be effective in the fight.

In the meantime, and as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

ABOUT SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER

May 14, 1963

To Many Correspondents:

We are receiving so many requests for comments concerning Senator Goldwater that it has seemed advisable to prepare this brief memorandum. During the last three years I have written a great many letters to individual critics of the Senator, in which I defended him against what seemed to me to be the most strained and unreasonable of the complaints and criticisms being made. This is an attempt to provide one answer which, in duplicated form, will serve the need in most instances.

In the first place let us repeat, and emphasize again, that The John Birch Society takes absolutely no position with regard to strictly political issues. Both the wisdom and the necessity of this policy have been proved beyond all question. So far as we can tell, almost one-half of our members are Conservative Republicans, and almost one-half are Conservative Democrats. The remaining fraction consists of Conservative Independents. Also, there are further splits in a different plane. Perhaps a third of our members believe that, if political action is to play a decisive or important part in the salvation of our country, it will be through a program whereby the Republican Party recaptures the Conservatives and the Conservatives recapture the Republican Party. Another sizable segment believes that most political emphasis should be put on the election to Congress of Conservatives of both parties. Some members feel that a formal and organized uniting of Conservatives in a third party is both possible and necessary. While others think that the only feasible way of making Conservative political strength effective is through some device for exercising a formal and controlling balance of power between the two parties -- as by getting Presidential Electors chosen in enough states who will refuse to be robots counted under a party label, and will return to actual voting in the Electoral College according to their individual views and preferences, as was originally intended by the Constitutional provisions for election of the President and Vice-President.

My own personal opinion is that a huge part of the expenditure of effort

and resources by Conservatives in political campaigns today is largely wasted because: (1) It is unrealistic as to the prospects, and is simply an exercise in wishful thinking; and (2) it puts the cart before the horse as to what needs to be done. This view was set forth, as well as I know how to do it in such brief compass, in the following paragraph which it seems worth while quoting here from the May Bulletin of the Society.

"For what is our problem? It is to stop the Communists from continuing and completing their take-over of our own country, which is going on right now. And what is the answer? The only possible answer is to wake up enough patriotic American citizens to what is really happening, and has been happening for a long time. Political action, impeachments, the election of good officials, a restoration and strengthening of Constitutional safeguards, a sanification of our tax policies: these things all will follow, and can only follow, a sufficient understanding of the sinister course of current events; and all work to bring about these desirable ends should be primarily a part of a comprehensive educational program. As stated at the end of the Blue Book, 'all we must find and build and use, to win, is sufficient understanding. '"

But we expect our members to be good citizens. So, regardless of the extent to which we can convince them that our chief function anyway, at present, is to put most of our money and effort into a massive educational campaign on many fronts, most members will still be taking active parts in one or more political campaigns during the next eighteen months. And some of these activities will be thoroughly justified by the extent to which even these political campaigns can be made basic parts of a huge educational program. Which brings us back to the questions about Goldwater. The fundamental reply to them all is that, so far as these are political questions, our members themselves will have to decide on their individual answers. But it still seems advisable for us to make certain observations, which we hope may be helpful.

The first of these is that Senator Goldwater himself obviously and honestly feels that "direct political action" is the most important part of any total program for saving our country from either the menace of Communist terror and tyranny, or the more gradual disaster of Socialist stagnation. We disagree, as indicated above. But Senator Goldwater came into this fight through political currents, activities, and organization. He has been very successful as a politician. So it is natural and almost inevitable that he should think and act as a politician. This means that, without changing our views or compromising our own beliefs in the slightest, we should be willing

to allow him the reasonable considerations of policy, as well as plain differences of opinion, which seem to be almost inevitable concomitants of political leadership. For if you are going to wait until there is a candidate with whom all Conservatives agree about everything, then the millennium will have arrived and you will not need political action anyway.

This does not mean accepting the "lesser of two evils" theory at all. That trap, set by the Leftists long ago, to make unwary Conservatives give them what they wanted, should be abhorred and exposed for the fraud which it is -- by simply refusing to vote, work, or contribute, if necessary, and by putting all effort and resources into the educational work outside of political campaigns, which will pay off in better candidates in due course. But what we are talking about here is candidates who are going generally in our direction; and that in such cases we simply must not demand unanimity of either thought or actions. In the 1952 presidential primary campaign, for instance, most of us worked hard for Robert A. Taft despite our emphatic disagreement with him on such a major matter as federal housing. And if I personally were studying whether and how far to support Goldwater, I certainly would not be stopped from doing so by the fact that I disagree with him equally emphatically today on the somewhat similar question or program called "urban renewal."

The second, and perhaps even more important, point that needs to be made here is this: Consider carefully the source of some of the criticisms which are disturbing you. As also emphasized in the May Bulletin, the Communists are tremendously smart and successful in finding ways to set up and lead the opposition to themselves. And as a result of that policy, the woods are full today of "agent provocateur" and "Trojan Horse" groups seeking to divide and splinter all Conservative forces. I know that, in the present connection, this argument is a two-edged sword, for we have members who believe that Goldwater himself has long since been selected and groomed by the Liberals to be another Eisenhower in the Republican ranks, consciously beguiling them into following him ~~towards their own destruction~~. I'll meet that argument bluntly and frankly by saying that I don't believe it, and by reaffirming that I think I have a fairly sensitive nose in such matters. And one reason why I do not believe it is that so much of the criticism of Goldwater, and of the "Judas goat" accusations against him, are initiated and then inculcated into the thinking of gullible Conservatives, by very small, very noisy, and very extreme groups and publications which are visibly working every minute to discredit all Conservative leaders and to frustrate all Conservative action. And I am willing to make my point clearer, through actual illustrations, by saying that I personally regard the publica-

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tion called Thunderbolt and its backers as such a group; and Lyril Van Hining's People's Voice as another.

I am stating simply my opinion, and you do not have to take my word for it at all. But I do ask you not to rush in, accepting the accusations and spreading the doubts poured forth by any such groups, without learning what you can about their background, personnel, and their actions in the past. For usually, with that knowledge, a little common sense and some understanding of left-wing purposes and methods are enough to keep you from going off impetuously down some "line" that is simply half-baked poppycock. And in the midst of all of the carefully prepared confusion, subversion, and double-agentry around us today, where we do have to recognize and face realistically so many horrible truths that would have seemed incredible ten years ago, a little cold common sense is still the most valuable guide for distinguishing the sheep, the goats, the jackrabbits, the lambs, and the skunks, in the whole political corral.

To summarize, I personally think that Barry Goldwater is a very patriotic American and a very able politician, who is determined to use his political skill to do all he can towards saving our country from the dangers now closing in from every side. As made clear in the Blue Book, four years ago, I don't think political action alone can do it, or is even the most important of the efforts which must be combined to save us. And in fact I think that, under the circumstances which actually prevail today, Barry Goldwater would even be a far smarter politician if he were less of a politician. But let's not lose the benefit of whatever Barry Goldwater can do, in the way that he thinks is best, to make political action and solidity on behalf of the Conservative cause a very helpful part of that total combination.

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix 20, Arizona

Dear Frank:

Working straight through this long holiday weekend, on accumulated mail, I have just come to the copy you were kind enough to send me of your letter of June 3 to Holmes Alexander.

Your letter dealt with the supposed "unanswerability" of the remarks by Senator Kuchel. And even at this late date I just wanted to tell you that I thought it was a masterpiece.

Of course the trouble is that Holmes feels he has to say all kinds of things, on various occasions, in order to keep his column in the papers. And maybe he does. But if so, there must be times when it seems like one heck of a way to have to make a living. As when, a few months ago, for instance, he wrote one whole column praising the Kennedy's to the skies for being such a highly moral family!

Actually and inside, Holmes Alexander is himself a "right winger," and one might almost say, quite fairly, an extreme right winger. I know because, as you are probably aware, we published one of his books. And we are right now very seriously considering the publication of another book by him, which will probably never see the light of day unless we do bring it out. And in these books he apparently feels that he can be a lot more free in coming closer to stating or showing what he really believes. But in his column you never know in what part of the ideological field you are going to find him at any given time.

At any rate, your letter was superb. Many thanks for having written it, and also for sending me a copy. And, as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:th

August 1, 1963

Hon. Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Benson:

Please do not answer this letter in a hurry.

If you are to say no, we want it to be after solemn consideration of our request. And if you are to say yes, we want it to be in full recognition of the sacrifice which you will undoubtedly be making.

For this is a formal, but most simple and earnest, invitation to you to become a member of the COUNCIL of The John Birch Society. And it will be seconded by personal letters to you, over the next few weeks, from a number of the present members of the COUNCIL -- many of whom are nationally prominent, and all of whom are outstanding as to character, ability, patriotism, and the earned respect of their fellow men.

The John Birch Society is not a transitory organization. It is so deeply rooted, solidly based, and firmly pointed in the direction of man's "upward reach" that two full days are required to give even an introductory understanding of its background, methods, and purposes. It is, so far as we know, the first serious effort in all human history to get truly good men and women of all religious creeds to work together permanently, and in a tightly organized body, for certain worthy aims that are common to them all. Because of the inspiration, understanding, courage, and purposes which bring these people together in one group, we believe that The John Birch Society is today the finest body of men and women anywhere in the world.

Once certain prerequisites of character are established, the key word to real greatness (and goodness) is responsibility. No man rises to the level of earned and deserved respect, which we wish for the membership and the leadership of The John Birch Society, by simply being passively honest and honorable; but only by having the initiative and the courage to recognize and face up to the responsibilities placed on him by his religious ideals, and by all we

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have inherited from noble men of the past. Any such positive and active stand, against the forces of evil around us today, and against their efforts to destroy our whole humane civilization for the sake of personal power, must inevitably lead to such intensive smears and unceasing attacks as those to which The John Birch Society and its leaders and members have been subjected. So there would be no point in my addressing this letter to any man who is not willing to do what is right, for the satisfaction of doing what is right, regardless of how bitterly the venal or the uninformed condemn his action. We hope you will believe, therefore, that this invitation is the highest form of compliment we can give to any man today -- and that it is so recognized by the tens of thousands of truly wonderful men and women who make up the body of The John Birch Society.

We are enclosing herewith three of our recent publications: (1) A FRANK REPORT (from our National Finance Committee); (2) "The California Report" (by the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee of the state of California); and (3), our August Bulletin, in the form of an open letter to Governor Nelson Rockefeller. We hope you can spare the time and will have the interest to read all three, in the order listed. The first one is not sent to yourself with any thought of trying to put our hands in your pocket, but because it is the most up-to-date and concise summary we have available of the general activities of the Society. The second, of which you may find Page 61, containing a summary of conclusions, to be helpful, is the most convincing answer we can offer in one booklet to the unceasing attacks under which we have to live and work and prosper. The third will bring you up to date as to at least some of the battle lines on which we must fight today, and as to our ways of doing so. And I hope that you have already read, or in due course may have the opportunity and the desire to read, more detailed and more fundamental publications of the Society.

We are asking you to become a member of our COUNCIL for several reasons. (1) We know you are qualified, by all the requirements indicated above. (2) We should like very much to have your comradeship, your counsel, and your participation, in our group. (3) We need your prestige and your moral support, in a battle where the enemy has always made them far more important than either guns or butter. (4) This struggle with the Communists has become a race against time, in which we not only need the tremendously important weapons of your prestige, your moral support, and your counsel, but we need them now.

The next meeting of our COUNCIL will be at our headquarters here in Belmont, Massachusetts, on Saturday, September 14, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

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You are most cordially invited to attend the all-day formal session, and we should be delighted to have you speak fifteen to thirty minutes (or whatever time you wish, on whatever subject you wish) at the dinner meeting that evening when the ladies will be present -- regardless of whether or not you accept the far more important and basic invitation of this letter. But if you do let us know in the meantime that you are coming on our COUNCIL, so that you can participate September 14 as a member, and so that we can announce this fact at that time, we shall feel that we have made one more most important step indeed towards gathering together the necessary strength and leadership to save our country. This is a big task we have undertaken, and we need your help.

With all good wishes in the meantime, and my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

August 1, 1963

To Members Of The COUNCIL:

Despite the necessary "duplicator" form of this letter (and of the enclosure), it is both quite IMPORTANT and strictly CONFIDENTIAL.

Enclosed is transcript of a letter of which an original is going forward today, with minor changes in some instances, to each of the following men:

Hon. Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker
Eastern Air Lines Building
10 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Hon. Strom Thurmond
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Charles Edison
Waldorf Towers
New York, New York

Will each of you please give your very important help to this effort, in the following manner:

1. Write letters, short or long as you wish, and approaching the matter in any way you wish, but seconding my invitation, to Messrs. Benson, Rickenbacker, and Thurmond.
2. Write in the same manner to Governor Edison, emphasizing however that because of his health we do not expect him to attend meetings of our COUNCIL. But that his prestige and moral support simply as a member of the COUNCIL, really would be helpful, important, and appreciated.
3. And quite important. Please write also, being certain to mark the letter and the envelope PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL, to
President David O. McKay
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

The salutation should be simply "Dear President McKay." Be sure to use your business letterhead (unless you are qualified to use that of some organi-

zation which is even more impressive). I shall already have sent President McKay a copy of my invitational letter to Mr. Benson, so you can simply refer to it without sending a copy yourself. But let him know that you are writing because you have received a copy. In this instance and for this purpose please overcome your natural modesty sufficiently to tell President McKay enough about yourself, with dignified frankness, to indicate your own stature and standing and qualifications for addressing to him this appeal. (I am not herewith offering any course in letter writing to my superiors in the art, but simply trying to tell you what I happen to know, or at least believe, might be most effective in this endeavor.) Tie to your self-introduction some comment as to why you are willing to give the support of your name, your time, and your energy to the work and the purposes of The John Birch Society, and especially to its realistic fight against the menace of Communism.

The main theme of your letter should emphasize how helpful it would be to the whole anti-Communist cause, and to the Society as the now (increasingly recognized) most solid core of leadership in that cause, if Ezra Taft Benson would officially join us in this fight as a member of our COUNCIL. And that we feel he would undoubtedly be willing to do so if he were sure that his action would have the blessing or meet with the approval of President McKay. So that you are taking it on yourself, as you are sure some other members of our COUNCIL will do, simply to explain how very much that blessing would mean to all of us.

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This adds up that I am asking each of you to write five separate letters, none of them easy. And I am well aware that the request is quite an imposition. But at least I do not ask for this same kind of help very often, and the present reason is important. I don't know that we can get any of the four men to come on our COUNCIL now, but I do think the chances are good enough to justify this concerted effort. So your being willing to make it for me will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

December 20, 1963

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

(1) The next meeting of the COUNCIL has been scheduled for Saturday, March 7, in the Los Angeles area. It will follow the now established custom of starting at 9:00 A. M., and recessing at 5:30 P. M., with a reception, dinner, and evening session to follow. As usual, the ladies and guests of our COUNCIL members are most cordially invited to the reception and all that follows.

For those who may be making plans well in advance, it seems wise for us to mention here that both sessions of the meeting will probably be held at the Sheraton-Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. This very famous old hotel is still quite comfortable and attractive, with excellent gardens and service. Because our California office is quite near, in San Marino, there will be many advantages to our use of the Huntington instead of the Statler downtown. And this is simply to let you know in connection with whatever reservations you might wish to make.

As for previous meetings, a reminder notice concerning this one will be sent to each of you some three weeks in advance. And we hope very much that a large percentage of the COUNCIL will be planning to attend.

(2) As I am sure you are all aware, the reaction of the Left to our full-page advertisement has been like that of a slightly wounded bull attacked by a shepherd dog. The bull, not having believed that any such attack was possible, has been flailing madly with hooves and horns in all directions. CBS even sent a camera crew of several men into our headquarters in Belmont (while I was on my way back from California), which crew -- without permission or even a request for permission -- simply bulldozed its way into our upstairs office, began grinding out picture footage, refused to leave until our people had telephoned the police a request to come put them out, and then had the gall to run the pictures they had thus obtained on the Walter Cronkite nationwide program. This is still nowhere near as dirty as the trick CBS pulled on me in Santa Barbara three years ago (as described in the Story of a Hoax), but is still raw enough to show how little attention the Liberals pay to laws and regulations anymore -- now that they have such strong control over how and when the regulations are to be enforced.

Our response in today's mail from the advertisement was about six hundred letters, practically all of them from the east, since the California and even the Midwest mail has just barely started to reach us. So far about ten percent of these letters are of the hostile and scurrilous variety. About twenty percent contain orders for either the five-dollar Special Packet or the one-dollar Introductory Packet -- preponderantly the latter. And about seventy percent ask for the free preliminary information, which goes out at once. But since I intend to report on the advertisements at some length in the January Bulletin, to be mailed -- we hope -- on December 30 or 31, I'll not say more about the campaign here.

(3) We are fighting to preserve the three outstanding loyalties -- to God, to country, to family -- which the Communists seek completely to destroy. The last of these, loyalty to family, looms larger at Christmas than at any other time. Let me take this opportunity, therefore, to wish for each of you and your families and loved ones -- from all of us here in Belmont -- a strengthening of the wonderful "ties that bind," during this happy holiday season, and

A Merry Christmas -- with many more to come!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

January 21, 1964

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

Since the assassination of President Kennedy, the drive to destroy all truly anti-Communist groups in this country, and all realistic opposition to Communism, has taken on a new intensity and ruthlessness.

The only defense against these insidious attacks is a good offense. The enclosed memorandum is one more step in our stronger offensive. We are growing today, especially in the South, at what would be a very satisfactory and encouraging rate, if time had not become so important a factor in the struggle. As it is, to keep from being smothered, and for many other reasons, we simply must increase our strength and our activities more rapidly; and every month, even every week, in 1964, is important in the race.

As some of you know, the wonderful group which constitutes our regional finance committee in California, under the chairmanship of Ken Volk, has undertaken to raise one million dollars for us in 1964, above our present regular operating revenues from that area, and to have it all in by October. This is with the parallel undertaking on my part, however, with all of the help and leadership that Bill Grede's national finance committee can provide, to raise three million dollars of similar funds elsewhere in the country. The enclosed memorandum is for whatever use either committee, or the individual members of either committee, may wish to make of it, as well as for direct mailings from the Belmont office.

The memorandum may look forbidding in size. But it is not offered for the pleasure of the reader, and the subject matter is of extreme importance. We hope, therefore, that it will be given very thoughtful attention by all influential patriots to whom it is sent.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

ROBERT WELCH
Boston, Massachusetts 02178

The time has come.
It is January, 1964

To Patriotic Americans
Who Know The Score:

Attention, please!

For the time has indeed come, not just to talk of many things, but to face up to them.

And face foursquare!

These subjects for solemn concern fall, literally, into four categories: (a) Facts; (b) what is to be done about them; (c) how much time we still have; and (d), ways and means.

A. Facts

Washington has been taken over!

By which we mean that Communist influences are now in full working control of our Federal Government.

We believe that there is a huge majority of patriotic Americans in both houses of Congress. But political opportunism is rampant there to a dangerous extent. We believe that there is a majority of patriotic Americans in most of the Federal departments. But too many of these bureaucrats, for the sake of "promotion and pay," will yield to pro-Communist pressures. We believe that at least ninety-eight percent of all Federal employees are anti-Communist. It is not how many Communists there are, however, but where they are and who they are, that matters. And we believe that the Communists and their dupes, allies, and agents, throughout this vast apparatus of government, now actually determine almost all policies, actions, and decisions.

Look first at foreign affairs!

The evidence is conclusive. China, Poland, Yugoslavia, Cuba, and Katanga are outstanding examples of Communist conquests, where the chief factor in those conquests was the deliberate aid to the Communists by the United States Government. That aid has steadily become more extensive and more brazen during the past few years.

Right now, by open admission of one of our Ambassadors, our Seventh Fleet is patrolling the Formosa Strait to protect Mao Tse-tung from Chiang Kai-shek. Other American naval units are off the coast of Venezuela, to protect the Communist regime of Romulo Betancourt and his puppets from being overthrown by his own people. (While Betancourt gives his blessing to the steady killing of anti-Communists in Venezuela by so-called Castroites, and parades these massacres as *attacks on the government!*) All of the money and power of the CIA is being used to prevent, cripple, or betray all efforts of anti-Communist Cuban refugees to overthrow Fidel Castro. And everywhere in the world the State Department is doing everything it can to advance the Communist global conquest.

Next, good friends look homeward!

Look especially to the South. Ever since 1928 the Communists, for the guidance of their own people, have laid it on the line. Their strategy called for stirring up racial bitterness, for agitation and then rioting over "civil rights," and for promising to convert the Dixie states into a Negro Soviet Republic, as vital parts of their master plan for taking over our country. And for the past few years the Federal Government has been taking steps that fitted as exactly into these Communist designs as if each Administration were simply following Communist orders. In this Administration-backed Communist advance, the rights of individuals, the laws of our states, and the Federal Constitution itself, have been as impudently ignored as if they did not exist.

Other manifestations of the Communist control over our Government are legion. But the most shocking, audacious, and convincing example is also the most recent. When a President of the United States is killed by a Communist within the United States, it is the Communists who determine how and by whom the investigation of the crime is to be conducted. The Warren Commission, with its preemptive claims and Administration pressures shutting off completely all legitimate and proper investigations which were already started—by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the Attorney General of Texas, and the District Attorney of Dallas County—is visibly determined to keep the real facts buried. And this Commission was not only appointed on the insistent demand of the official Communist press of the United States, but the Communists even decreed in advance that their idol, Earl Warren, should be its chairman.

And then look all around you!

For Communist influence at the top reaches far outside of Government. This influence, at times or in some areas amounting practically to control, is visibly well established and entrenched in the mass communications media, in book and magazine publishing, in education, in the labor union movement, in the entertainment field, in many

other divisions of our national life, and in a great many specific national organizations. This influence is maintained and constantly strengthened through almost infinite pressures, icy ruthlessness, and diabolical cunning.

The evidence to illustrate this situation is encyclopedic, visible on every side, and entirely beyond our limitations here. But this letter is not written to *prove* anything. As stated in the beginning, it is prepared for those who already know the score, as a stimulant to more realistic action. And anybody who still doubts, for instance, that the National Council of Churches is completely dominated by Communist influences, is not going to be of any help to us, or to anybody else, at this stage in our effort to save our country. A major part of our whole undertaking is to wake up such people to the truth—but not through this memorandum.

Only the top, however, is yet lost to the enemy!

The really high percentage of Communists is among the college presidents, not among the high school instructors; among the presidents of large corporations, not among their sales forces; in the high echelons of government, not among its army of clerks. And there are probably more Communists in the State Department alone (out of some forty thousand employees) than there are among the whole several million "dirt farmers" of America.

For the Communists begin at the top, in any country or any organization, and then spread their tentacles downward and outward. They patiently impose their rule over "the masses" by trickery until it is complete enough to be maintained by force and terror. The biggest of all "big lies" is that Communism is a proletarian uprising against exploitation. In our country, especially, the noisy and deluded bums who constitute the known Communist Party are recruited primarily to maintain that useful fiction. The Communist movement, regardless of the idealists who are beguiled into its service, is in essence simply an expanding power drive by a huge and growing organism of amoral international gangsters.

The Communists find the game exciting!

Nor do the appeals and rewards of fellowship within this well groomed criminal circle depend on or wait for ultimate Communist success. As a most important part of the march towards global conquest, these men work at promoting each other with a seriousness, determination, and organized extensiveness that is undreamed of by most of the people around them.

Communist X gets to be President of Ivy College because, for three years before the retirement of the preceding president, just two crypto-Communists on the thirty-man board of trustees, and three crypto-Communists among the thousand leading alumni, have been quietly, cleverly, but unceasingly getting the idea planted in the minds of the other trustees that Dr. X is the logical man for the job. And it would not be difficult to point to a corporation president, or a lawyer with a great reputation, or a bank president, or the medical head of a great hospital, or a famous editor, or a state governor, or the president of a national professional group, or a powerful figure in any realm of activity, who got where he is today largely through the benefit of the same general technique.

And collectively these top-bracket traitors add up to a lot of weight. The Communist high command can count on practically their total influence to be thrown, with apparent spontaneity and independence on the part of the individuals, behind any drive that is important enough to Communist purposes. But the whole monstrous control of our national course and public attitudes, exercised by this satanic company, still depends on bluff, cunning, audacity, deception, and ruthlessness. The Communists have always proceeded on the principle that if you made enough people *think* you were *winning*, or had the power, then it gradually became true. They are following that course with feverish intensity in America today. All it would take to upset their bandwagon is for enough patriotic Americans to understand the plot. And the Communists know this better than anybody else.

But the Communists now seek a much larger supporting cast!

As soon as they have enough men in top positions they begin reaching down. They start gathering into the total apparatus a growing number of lesser crooks and hypocrites, who will be satisfied with lesser rewards. In some countries, such as Poland in 1946, merely offering a man a ration card which provided a subsistence diet, while his neighbors were dying of starvation, was sufficient inducement to recruit these necessary agents, at the lower levels. (This is why the food our Government provided Menshikov and the Communist conquerors in Poland, through UNRRA funds, was so important a factor in their subjugation of Poland.) In America today the desired and adequate reward is more likely to be gradual promotion from instructor to full professor, or appointment to some middle-level political job, or the windfall of a business contract, or even the mere flattering of a mediocrity's ego by the attention and association of men whom he correctly regards as smarter than himself.

All of this process is now going on steadily around us. It has been for quite a while, and the Communists now have a tremendously larger number of their stooges at the middle and even lower levels of our sociological pyramid than was the case only five years ago. At that time it was certainly an advantage, and perhaps even necessary, for an ambitious man in our State Department to be a Communist. Today an ordinary insurance salesman, if he learns how to play the game, might find it profitable beyond his fondest expectations. And the journalistic woods are full of small-time editorial writers who might have to make a living washing dishes in a hamburger joint if they had not learned how to prate the Communist line with exactly the required amount of apparent "objectivity."

But—even with all of this now rapid expansion downward, it is doubtful if the Communists yet have more than one percent of our total population within the folds of dependability from their point of view. All of their experience shows that, for a highly industrialized and literate country like the United States, they need a minimum of three percent before they can begin ruling by direct force and police-state brutality, instead of by pulls and

pressures and pretended power. They are now working desperately to acquire and establish that three percent in key positions in every community in America. Yet all it takes to reverse their progress in that undertaking too is for enough patriotic Americans to wipe the dust out of their eyes.

B. What Is To Be Done?

Simply spread the truth!

The only possibility of saving our country, and the only thing in the whole world which the Communists fear today, is that enough of the American people can somehow be awakened to what is really taking place—all around them and right under their very noses. While the solution is easy to define, however, the difficulties of achieving it are enormous.

For our enemies are truly "masters of deceit!"

Even intelligent and reasonably informed American patriots will tell you that "it can't happen here." They are assuming that they will know when "it happens," and will then join other good citizens in preventing the Communist take-over. They have been so hypnotized by Communist propaganda, and so blinded by the "big lies" of Communist deception, that they miss the vital point. *It is happening here, right now.* And they are not to be allowed to realize this fact until it is too late for effective resistance. This writer pointed out five years ago, as set forth in the Blue Book, that the transition whereby the Communists themselves would be in charge of our Government—and would then be seeking to put anti-Communists in the position of conspirators against government—was already well under way, with increasing speed and momentum. That transition is practically complete today.

An awakening must come first!

But we also said five years ago that—up to the point of no return, which clearly has not been reached—all we had to do to stop the Communists, and win this struggle against them, was to create sufficient understanding. This is just as true today as it was then. The job is more massive now, because the blanket of obfuscation, which the Communists have so carefully and continuously woven to hide the truth from the American people, is both thicker and more extensive today than it was then. But there are also a great many more people aware of the truth today, and working with tremendous dedication to pierce more and even larger holes in that blanket.

Understanding must be the force, political action the mechanics, of our salvation!

The John Birch Society, as a body, takes no hand in partisan politics. Which leads some people to think that we eschew or belittle political action. Nothing could be further from the truth. In our monthly bulletins we repeatedly exhort our members to "be good citizens at all times," which certainly includes living up to their political responsibilities. Our members as individuals, and through their political parties, clubs, or affiliations, play a tremendous part in politics—as they certainly will during this campaign year of 1964.

But we are too well aware of the realities of the situation to think that "outsmarting" the enemy politically offers any prospect of saving our country. Political action on the part of Conservatives today, to have any chance of being successful, must stem from, be supported by, and *be a part of*, a massive educational program to bring the truth to the American people.

A candidate does not have to agree with us, and we certainly do not agree with each other, in all particulars—even as to the extent and the nature of the menace to our freedom. This writer ardently supported Robert Taft in 1952, despite a strong disagreement with him over about thirty percent of the policies Taft advocated. And we are sure that most of our members will feel the same way about various Conservative leaders today. But supporting any candidate who will not use his candidacy, and the opportunity thus given him of reaching larger audiences, to bring out the truth about our danger and our needs, is to follow exactly the course that the Communists have chosen for us. We have been pouring money and energy down that drain for nearly three decades—and moving closer to a Communist takeover every year. Effective Conservative political action can only come as the implementation of the forces of public opinion created by an understanding of the present crisis. The enemy is too well entrenched at the core of both political parties for the traditional methods and principles of old fashioned American politics to have validity today.

And understanding depends on truth, not on half truths!

The role of The John Birch Society, therefore, even in an election year, is to keep right on spreading the truth—and not to start sweeping parts of it under the rug because of political opportunism. The only way the American people can be brought to understand what Dean Rusk is doing to help Castro today is by showing what his predecessor, Christian Herter, did to establish Castro in power. And the only way they can be brought to understand Robert Kennedy's part, in the increasing racial turmoil and bitterness in the South, is by showing them the real significance of some of the earlier pro-Communist decisions of the Warren Supreme Court. The fact that some of these people are Democrats and some are Republicans is of no importance, compared to the truth which must be understood. This truth is not only that identically the same influences are responsible for the actions of all these men, but that these influences are carrying out the plans of a conspiracy which is determined to bury us.

It is imperative that we hew to the line of the truth—of the whole truth—let the chips fly where they may. In the first place even if a Conservative anti-Communist could be elected to high office today, without the under-

pinning of a massive educational program on which to conduct his campaign, it would be a Pyrrhic victory, leading to developments which would further damage or entirely destroy the anti-Communist cause. For in our opinion, these Communist influences within the upper echelons of our Government today are visibly so powerful, so entrenched, and so reinforced by parallel Communist influences outside of Government, that not even a Taft in the White House could control them—unless and until the American people are awakened to the real significance of so many actions and events. In the second place, not even a Taft could be elected today, except by the means which we believe Taft would have used—namely, a massive crusade to enlighten the American people about what is happening to them.

All we must do to win is to create sufficient understanding!

Let us repeat, and summarize—and illustrate by being specific. If and when Barry Goldwater is nominated and elected—and as would be the case if Strom Thurmond were nominated and elected—he is certainly going to need the backing of an awakened American people. Our job, in an election year, as in any other year, is to wake them up. All we do in that direction will help good Conservative candidates to get elected. It will strengthen their hands after election. It will be building up brakes against further movement to the left by the Liberals who win or retain high offices. And if the Conservatives who win in 1964 are too few, we must have the momentum of an awakening populace, and move ahead with that momentum.

Our work to create an understanding of the danger is not a gamble, in which we win or lose. It offers the *one sure road* on which all of our efforts and sacrifices are cumulative towards building the forces of opinion that will save our country. Our undertaking is to do *the one thing which the Communist conspiracy cannot withstand*, and that is simply to expose it. Our strategy is education, our weapon is truth. And all it will take for truth to prevail is sufficient pains to bring it to light. This is a mammoth job, but one which is clearly defined, and on which we have already made encouraging progress.

C. How Much Time Do We Have?

It is late!

But it is not five minutes to twelve, as one able and patriotic general kept mistakenly telling Congressional committees several years ago—thereby unintentionally doing the anti-Communist cause a lot of harm. And if you simply must measure the contest against a twenty-four hour scale, we would say that it is now eight o'clock in the evening, or a little after eight.

The analogy, however, is both silly and misleading. A clock striking twelve is something finite, exact, and recognized by everybody who is interested. While the Communist takeover of our country, *which has already begun*, is as imperceptible as the tide rising in a marsh, and as continuous as the second hand running around a clock face. If the event we have in mind is the formal conversion of the United States into a collection of various "Soviet Republics" within the worldwide Communist empire, and if the Communists are successful, then the most likely date seems to be in the early 1970's. At the present rate of the tide's rising, however, all effective opposition, and all normal means of resistance, will have been submerged long before that time.

Our danger is not sudden destruction, but gradual encroachment!

The Communists avoid every pitched battle, if they can, until they have already won that battle in advance by paralyzing their enemy. And you can be sure that in this culminating contest of their long drive for world rule, they are using all of the insidiousness which they have refined out of decades of experience. We must recognize the patient gradualism with which they blunt or take away the tools of their opposition; the infinite number of Lilliputian threads with which they slowly strait-jacket their enemies; the professional deception and audacity with which they mesmerize the public into blaming their opponents for the very crime they are themselves committing. All of these cunning and ruthless measures of invisible warfare constitute the advance we have to worry about, and not any frontal attack of which the shots can be heard and the results can be clearly seen.

The Communists within our country are carrying on this kind of warfare right now, with all patriotic anti-Communist groups and leaders as their primary targets. They can easily have made such devastating progress by the end of 1964, that thereafter they will have only enfeebled enemies to deal with and destroy. We do not have to win this war this year, and in fact this writer is sure that we cannot. But we do have to *gain strength* massively throughout 1964, in order to prevent the crippling division and discrediting and demoralization and disarmament of the anti-Communist forces. We can then carry this fight on, into the 1965-1968 period, with further increasing strength until we win. And while everything done courageously by true Conservatives on the political front will certainly help, the acquisition of sufficient strength for these purposes depends basically on our ability to convince enough of our fellow citizens as to what the Communists are trying to do—and how they are trying to do it.

D. Ways And Means

We have the ways!

Let us repeat from a recent bulletin that our shipping room is now pouring out printed material every week with an average—and genuine—retail value of over twenty thousand dollars. This includes the ONE DOZEN CANDLES; many other titles in our Dollar Reprint Series, such as *46 Angry Men*, or Manning Johnson's *Color, Com-*

munism, and Common Sense; the Blue Book of the Society; the monthly magazine, *American Opinion*; hardbound books published by Western Islands; a huge number of pamphlets of many kinds and from many sources; and an equally large number of flyers and folders of great variety. And these materials are all purchased, so they are being read.

Somewhere in the United States now, every night (with such rare exceptions as Christmas), there are from twenty to sixty full film presentations being made to interested small groups, by representatives of The John Birch Society. And the impact of these presentations, towards waking people up and stirring them to action, can be indicated best by the fact that around twenty percent of those in attendance then promptly join the Society. While most of the other eighty percent are certainly made more alert than they were.

And can devise more!

Actually, because the cards have now been so stacked by Communist pressures against the distribution of anti-Communist literature, we have had to create our own ways for carrying on our educational program. But our Speakers Bureau, with its own staff of several regional managers in the field, now has several tours of Conservative speakers going on at any given time. Our "reading rooms that sell books," scattered across the country—although too sparsely as yet—are doing a grand job of selling the best Conservative literature of other publishers as well as our own publications. Altogether, despite all of the barriers raised against the truth, we have developed many excellent ways for effectively enlightening the patriotic citizens we can reach.

It is this combination of our methods, with our structure and our longrange constructive purposes, which makes us unique in the whole history of resistance to Communism. Nowhere, in any of the fifty countries or areas they have already taken over, has there been a sizable, growing, and tightly knit body of good citizens dedicated to the task of exposing and revealing the truth about what was taking place. The John Birch Society is something new in this fifty-years war. Not only have the Communists never faced this form of opposition before or anywhere else, but they have never believed it would be possible. For they were certain that no such group could ever be held together, working in concert on one course—despite all of the divisive pressures and tactics which the Communists could bring to bear against them. But we have held together, we have stayed on our course, and we grow stronger every month.

We even have the means, if normal growth would be adequate!

We have gradually and industriously climbed to the point where our operating revenue is now at the rate of about two million dollars per year. It has increased by approximately fifty percent in the past twelve months (having been a little over \$1,300,000 in 1962). At the same rate of growth we would have operating funds of about six million dollars per year to work with in 1966.

But we cannot wait for normal growth!

For 1966 is too late. The stream of material we are moving into interested hands, and the batches of truth we are taking to interested audiences, are even now having an impact. Otherwise the official American Communist publication, *The Worker*, would not now be devoting at least ten percent of its *total space* every week to laying down the line of smears and lies against The John Birch Society, for their stooges in the "regular" press to pick up and feed the public. But the whole stream is entirely too small a force against the propaganda flood poured out by our enemies—even with the power of truth to make our brooks run clear and strong. For the Communists now do their pouring from vantage points where they have been establishing themselves for decades. While tremendous funds and pressures of the Federal Government are now being used in a hundred ways to help them.

The danger is fantastic. So must the resistance be!

We made the same statement five years ago. Too few would believe us—to the point of action. So it is even more true now, because of the progress the Communists have made in the meantime. Today it will require truly *fantastic* measures in order even to be realistic in our opposition to the menace hanging over us.

So let's begin with a fantastic statement!

Fantastic, at least, in its lack of modesty. For we believe that we understand the conspiracy. Not in all of its background, of course; nor as to the identity of all of its top personnel, even in this country; nor in all of its ramifications. But enough to know what has to be done to stop it. *And it can be stopped.* But with all due respect and gratitude for the generous help and unswerving confidence we have been given by so many friends, it is going to take both on a far more realistic level to do this job. And it will take both, fast, in order to do the job in time.

Now we ask for fantastic support!

We do not know how much total expansion on our part it will take to enable us to wake up and alarm enough of the American people. But we do know what our first step towards that total has to be. It is to put on new manpower as fast as we can absorb it and train it; to add new publications and new films and other visual aids as fast as we can produce them; to increase our means and channels of putting these materials to effective use; and to do all of these things as fast as our present base of organization and experience makes possible.

The proper training of men and the effective use of materials — not resources — must be the limitation!

With that consideration as the controlling factor, we need at least four million dollars in 1964, above our present regular operating revenue—making a total of six million in all *now*, for this very year. It is a fantastic demand—but you had better consider the fantastically horrible alternative. Consider too that, unless we do stop the Communists, none of the money or property you possess is going to have any value or significance much longer—except as an added reason for the Communists to make you and your family an early victim of their terror.

Do we really mean to stop the Communists?

Well, *some of us do*. And let's be blunt about it. We are not asking anybody else to make any contributions greater than our own. For seven years, except for one recent short vacation, I have worked seven days and nights per week for this cause, without pay; and I have now put most of my savings right into the same hopper. We have members of our field staff who have continuously made almost incredible sacrifices, simply because they believe in the Society, in what they are doing, and in the urgency of our need. We have many members, as illustrated by the letters accompanying this folder, who are equally realistic and equally dedicated, with regard to both the problem and the answer.

With rare exceptions, however, our most affluent members and friends are still deceiving themselves, even now, that Communism is an academic kind of menace, which will keep on carrying out its purposes through arguments and politics, instead of by tortures and mass executions; or that the coming holocaust can be prevented without any really painful sacrifices on their part, or any disruption of their property or their lives. Which is what even the informed well-to-do people in Cuba thought only five years ago. Ask some of them now, if they could do it over, what percentage of their wealth they would have been willing to give to telling their fellow citizens the truth about Castro, and thus to stopping him while there was time. Or what good the wealth they "saved" is to them today.

If The John Birch Society does not stop the Communists, who will?

We do mean business. God willing, and with His help — when and because we have deserved it — we are going to win this struggle. We do not claim any possibility of doing the job alone. We count on all of the great efforts of hundreds of other patriotic groups, and on the awakened common sense of millions of plain citizens. But where else are you going to find the leadership, the sense of direction, the cohesiveness of effort, the hard core of determination, the example of courage and dedication, and the realistic appraisal of the enemy, as supplied by The John Birch Society and its membership, around which sufficient strength can be rallied for this battle to the death with the most vicious and powerful conspiracy the world has ever known?

For five years we have been telling everybody we could reach what needed to be done, and what we could do if we could obtain the necessary support. We got just enough people to believe us, and to help us enough, so that we have grown into the one enemy of the Communists whom they really fear—as you can readily verify by a persistent enough reading of the Communist press in Russia and in America. But that is not enough. We must become large enough and strong enough to meet the Communist lies with truth on a comparable scale. We still have a chance, but it is getting close to the last chance. And what are *you* really going to do about it—not next year, or next fall, or next summer, but right now?

We are sorry to sound so urgent. But we didn't make this world this way. We are only trying to do our part to save it.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch
For The John Birch Society

February 21, 1964

Mr. Robert Welch,
The John Birch Society,
395 Concord Avenue,
BELMONT, Mass.

Dear Bob:

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I have just been reading American Opinion for February, and I congratulate you on the nice way it is put together. The format and the interesting photographs are much above average.

Now for my dissenting opinions. Revilo Oliver's article was not up to his standard, from my point of view. This article should probably have been rewritten once or twice more, and should have been discussed with a few wise heads. This is a procedure that I try to follow when I find myself emoting rather than thinking too clearly. The article can be criticized for the bad taste which, occasionally, creeps into it, and also for the fact that it is put together in a somewhat disjointed manner. I have read Revilo's writings on other occasions, and have always considered him first-rate. But this is not a first-rate job, and I feel it should not have been published until he had made it so. The trouble with something of this sort is that it leaves us open to criticism for being extremist, just as your own unprovable statement about Eisenhower did. I think almost everyone on the Council would agree with me on these counts, and all of us, including yourself and Revilo, I am sure would not consciously do anything to hurt the Society, or leave it vulnerable to attack by the enemy who watches us like a hawk.

A good case in point is Pegler. You are using him as he should be used. No one can write like Peg when he is at his best. The piece on Damon Runyon was a delight. The contrast to this is some of the political stuff he did a few years back. That was overcharged with emotion and defaced with bad taste. The result was that Pegler lost much of his effectiveness as a political commentator, and the conservative cause lost one of its most valuable and articulate voices.

Dr. Tansill's article was excellent. Although he slaughtered quite a few sacred cows, he did it in a scholarly and temperate way that did not leave him or the magazine open to charges of blackguarding or extremism. He did not, for example, refer to our opponents as "vermin".

I realize that anything you do will be criticized by someone, and that is why I am loathe to add to your burden in this respect. However, I would not offer this criticism if I did not believe it to be constructive and in the best interest of the cause which you and I work for.

Sincerely,

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

June 11, 1964

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

At the recent meeting in Chicago I read the enclosed letter to the COUNCIL, as the easiest way of informing them concerning the current turmoil and developments in Laurel, Mississippi. With the permission of the author of this letter, and at the insistent request of several members of the COUNCIL, we are mailing each of you a copy of the letter, with only such deletions as are necessary to avoid identification of the author. We have other letters from Mississippi confirming various details in this one, and bringing the story further up to date.

What has been happening in Laurel is visibly a beginning or rehearsal of even worse troubles to be inflicted on Mississippi this summer. The so-called Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (whose chief function in actual practice appears to be to foment violence) has had offices set up since early March or before at Univ. of Michigan, Harvard University, Oberlin College, Univ. of Oregon, Univ. of N. C., Univ. of Illinois, and some dozen other colleges, to recruit students to send into Mississippi to make trouble this summer. And of course, as you know from various press releases, the National Council of Churches is taking the lead in promoting and financing these and similar activities in Mississippi, by outsiders from all over the country.

The most disturbing feature of the whole story is the use of FBI men for the purposes indicated. For the American public elsewhere in the country will not realize that many of these men are newly recruited members of the FBI force, known as "Bobby's boys," or that even oldtimers on the FBI staff may be obliged to carry out orders in such situations, which orders stem directly from the Attorney General rather than through J. Edgar Hoover.

This is the explanation of remarks recently reported, some of them on the floor of Congress, by Senator Eastland, Hon. John Bell Williams, and others, concerning the "harassment of good American citizens by FBI men." (We were touching on this in passing in the last bulletin, when we referred in this connection to agents of the Department of Justice.) The horrible insidiousness of this maneuver -- which is so typical of similar developments in other countries at similar initial stages of the imposition of a Communist police

state -- is that practically all American citizens not directly affected will take for granted that anything done by "the FBI" is entirely okay, and that action against the good citizens of Mississippi in which "the FBI" is involved must be entirely justified.

And the opportunity of maintaining this deception may account, of course, for the willingness of the present administration to keep J. Edgar Hoover in his present position well beyond his normal retirement age. What little Hoover can now do to prevent Communist uses of "civil rights" agitation is not half as important to the Left as the use of his name as an umbrella, under which to begin police-state terrorization of those who oppose the take-over of local communities by the Federal Government.

This is sent to you in confidence, and as requested, simply as information. We shall probably have more to say on the subject in the next bulletin, after conferring with the Executive Committee before that bulletin is printed.

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Night Letter^x

by: FRANK C. BROPHY, P.O. Box 9338,
Phoenix, Arizona - WI. 3-4402

September 21, 1954
3:00 p.m.

COPY OF NIGHT LETTER SENT:

TO: THE HONORABLE BARRY GOLDWATER,
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PERSONAL DELIVERY

MR. MILLER'S STATEMENT THAT "NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WILL BE IN ANY OFFICE OF AUTHORITY IN THE GOLDWATER ADMINISTRATION" IS A GRATUITOUS INSULT TO SOME OF THE BEST AMERICANS I KNOW, AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS I DON'T KNOW. SUCH PEOPLE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE BIRCH SOCIETY, ARE NOT SUPPORTING YOUR CAUSE FOR PAY OR WITH ANY EXPECTATIONS OF POLITICAL REWARD OR PREFERMENT. THE BIRCH SOCIETY DOES NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTION, AND HAS NOT ENDORSED YOU AND MR. MILLER, BUT MANY OF ITS MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT YOU WORKING AS UNPAID VOLUNTEERS. WHY INSULT THESE PEOPLE AS THE DEMOCRATS AND LIBERAL-INTERNATIONALISTS HOPE YOU WILL?

IF MR. MILLER HAD DISCRIMINATED AGAINST JEWS, NEGROES, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS OR NON-BELIEVERS IN SUCH A STATEMENT, I WOULD BE EQUALLY SHOCKED. MOST OF YOUR SUPPORT, AS I SEE IT, COMES FROM PEOPLE WHO TRUST THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION (1) WILL BE BASED UPON FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD; (2) RESPECT FOR THE TRUTH, AND REJECTION OF THE POLITICAL CYNICISM AND HYPOCRISY THAT IS UNDERMINING OUR FREE INSTITUTIONS; (3) A FIRM REJECTION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN OTHER THAN CRIMINALS OR THOSE WHOSE ALLEGIANCE BELONG TO A FOREIGN OR INTERNATIONAL POWER.

WAS MR. MILLER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT? HIS RECORD, AS I KNOW IT, IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH IT. I DEPLORE RAISING THESE QUESTIONS, BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO LAY IT ON THE LINE. IF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ADVOCATE LESS BUT MORE HONORABLE GOVERNMENT; PROTECTION OF THE CIVIL, RELIGIOUS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS; AND A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS RATHER THAN OF MEN, ARE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS, AND DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING IN ANY "OFFICE OF AUTHORITY" IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION, THEN YOU AND MR. MILLER SHOULD AFFIRM IT NOW.

FRANK C. BROPHY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

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September 23, 1964

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Frank:

Many thanks indeed for the copy of your memorandum of September 21 to Barry Goldwater.

It is a superb presentation of the common sense of the situation. We shall, of course, not quote it in any way. And in answer to telegrams and telephone calls we are receiving, urging a barrage of telegrams on Goldwater headquarters by our members, we are replying that we think it is better not to stir up any storm over the Miller statement at this time. But it is my understanding, on very good authority, that the Goldwater headquarters themselves were quite surprised and decidedly perturbed by Miller's statement, apparently made entirely on his own initiative and authority, exactly as was the earlier troublemaking statement that he and Goldwater would gladly accept the votes and support of the Ku Klux Klan -- which latter statement Goldwater felt obliged to contradict a day or two later.

Frankly, I do not see how Goldwater can really repudiate this last statement by Miller, at least publicly. Which makes the whole situation difficult. Especially since, again as I understand to be the case from dependable sources, the protests going into Goldwater headquarters have been numerous and emphatic, and some of the very hardest working and most influential and financially helpful of the top level Goldwater support have been sending in telegrams: "Would you rather have my resignation now?"

Of course in fact, as you and I both know, these people and all of the other wonderful members of The John Birch Society will keep right on working just as hard and doing just as much as in the past. It is simply that you cannot blame them for being justifiably annoyed and hurt. And the most serious harm likely to arise out of Miller's statement is some dampening here and there on our present very enthusiastic recruiting program. But I myself think -- although some of our most influential

Mr. Frank C. Brophy

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members disagree with me -- that we can overcome this result fairly promptly and without too much difficulty, simply by following our usual policy of going right ahead with our recruiting presentations exactly as we have in the past, despite all of the other hurdles that have been placed in our way.

At any rate, as I started out to say two or three paragraphs above, we certainly shall not quote your night letter at the present time, but I shall show it to the members of our Executive Committee who will be meeting with me here in Belmont all day Monday. I know that they will be interested, and also appreciative of your having taken the trouble to send through this message which summarizes the whole matter so well.

As always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

Robert Welch

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

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Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy

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Dear Frank:

As much as we dislike to disagree with Frank Brophy about anything, we certainly find ourselves on the other side of the fence with regard to Robert Murphy. Not only that, but we are on record, time after time, in the pages of AMERICAN OPINION, in stating our very unfavorable opinion of this extremely clever member of the whole State Department clique which has been selling the whole world out to Communism -- while always pretending, of course, to be doing exactly the opposite.

Just picking up a few examples here and there, for instance, on Page 1 of the October 1958 issue of AMERICAN OPINION, in the beginning of Willi Schlamm's article, you will find these sentences: "And when Mr. Murphy started bargaining with Lebanon's rebels, and pulled a 'compromise' president of Lebanon out of his diplomatic top hat the Old World was confounded. Had America really gone to the brink of war merely to produce the kind of 'solution' Nasser was always perfectly willing to settle for?"

Or, in my own IF YOU WANT IT STRAIGHT... in the November, 1958 issue, on Page 24 you will find the paragraphs which I am enclosing, typed on a separate sheet (because that issue of AMERICAN OPINION is now out of print, and we have only our permanent files copy left). I hope you will read this typed page with some care, Frank, because I believe it really did give and does give quite an accurate indication of Robert Murphy's real role in the Eisenhower-Dulles Administration of foreign policy.

Next, let me refer you to the 1960 Scoreboard Issue of AMERICAN OPINION, which we reprinted as a dollar paperbound book under the title of A WORLD GONE CRAZY. We have had quite a large

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and continuing sale of this volume; it was translated into Spanish, with our permission, and distributed as a Spanish paperbound quite widely in Latin America and Spain itself; it has been widely discussed in many other foreign countries; and its analysis and appraisal of the Communist methods and advance in the 107 countries on the Scoreboard have stood up very well indeed. So we are mailing you a copy, with our compliments, under separate cover today. And while the item on Lebanon is not very long, we believe you will find it of interest, and to the point. It begins on Page 65.

On Page 248 of The Politician, in a paragraph covering omissions, you will find these sentences: "We have omitted any previous reference to Robert Murphy, No. 2 man in the State Department. Murphy has shown such an amazing capacity for making America hated, and for getting it blamed by the natives for their troubles, in the Belgian Congo, in Algeria, in France, in the Middle East, and everywhere he has turned his meddling hands, that the consistency of results makes 'poor luck' utterly absurd as an explanation."

It is interesting to note, as discussed in a long footnote to the above passage, entered by Dr. Gannon, head of our Research Department, among the footnotes in the back of The Politician, that Mr. Murphy had by no means ceased his meddling, even after the Eisenhower Administration was over. In April, 1961, for instance, he went on a confidential mission to the Dominican Republic, supposedly to help Rafael Trujillo's government. What happened, however, was that Trujillo was assassinated while Mr. Murphy was in the Dominican Republic, and Mr. Trujillo's government therefore came to an end right in the midst of "help" being given to him by Robert Murphy. As had Gaillard's government in France, and Chamoun's government in Lebanon, and others in the past.

I could go on indefinitely, Frank, but this is certainly enough to indicate why we would look with extreme suspicion on anything Robert Murphy has written in his book, or says or does anywhere; and consequently we would not want to give the space to a long review of the book, nor even to publish a favorable review, by even so good a friend and alert a scholar as Frank Brophy. But we do send you both our earnest thanks for the offer, and our kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Robert Welch

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cc: Rev. Francis Fenton
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John Henry Norton
Jay Conner

July 8, 1965

Mr. Robert Welch
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

Mr. Norton's suggestion in his letter of June 25th is an important one. I urge that the Council, at its next meeting, adopt his idea in some appropriate form.

My immediate reaction is that wherever the name John Birch Society is used officially, it carry in small italics the quotation:

"God willing - less government, more individual responsibility
and a better world."

or

"We strive, with God's help, for less government, more individual
responsibility and a better world."

After the recent years of calumny and misrepresentation, it is important that we continually stress in some such manner the real objectives of the John Birch Society. Moreover, in these critical days it is more important than ever that we place our trust in God and constantly bear witness to our Faith.

The forces of evil are massed against us, and without God's help we can do little to effectively counteract them. If we merely rely upon our own resources we are doomed. Man cannot prevail against the forces of Satan without God's help. If we are too stupid or proud to implore Divine guidance as we play our little parts in this titanic struggle, we are merely clouds without water and waves without direction.

As a Catholic, I take solace in Christ's promise to Peter that "The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it". Nevertheless, I am appalled at the breadth and insidious nature of the attack on our Church from within. It has gained very considerable momentum within a decade. On the other hand, the Church in Spain, Mexico, Portugal and Brazil has been growing stronger spiritually in surprising ways. Likewise here in the United States the devotion of the hordes of people one sees everywhere at Sunday Masses indicates that the forces of materialism are not reaching them to the degree one might expect from the incessant hedonistic anti-spiritual drumfire directed at them through the press, radio and TV.

It is my conviction that it is necessary to put God more boldly into the Birch Society than we have in the past. When we do this, the money, the manpower and the inspiration will necessarily follow. I have high hopes that you and the members of the Council will support Mr. Norton's suggestion in some appropriate way.

Sincerely,

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

July 21, 1965

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

First, my apologies for not sending this notice earlier -- especially to those few COUNCIL members who, not having been at our June meeting in Chicago, may have been unaware of the change made at that time in the date of the September meeting. Unfortunately, I do not have any good excuse, so I'll double the apologies.

And, in any event, this is simply to remind or inform you, and to confirm, that the next meeting of the COUNCIL will be at our headquarters office, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, on Saturday, September 18. It will begin promptly at 9:00 A. M. After coffee breaks and a light luncheon this formal session will adjourn at 5:30 P. M.

The informal evening session, to which the ladies are most cordially invited, will be at the pretentious new Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199, which is a part of the unfinished and highly publicized Prudential development. (And, for reasons previously explained, we feel it is necessary to charge ten dollars per person for those attending the reception and dinner.) Since the Prudential Building itself is Boston's first real skyscraper, and thus the cause of considerable excitement, we thought you might like to stay at the Sheraton Boston, as well as have our COUNCIL dinner there. So we have had the hotel set aside an adequate number of rooms for the purpose. If you do intend to take a room there, please make your own reservations direct, merely mentioning in your letter that it is to be out of those reserved for the COUNCIL of The John Birch Society.

As many of you know, with approximately 130 employees now on our headquarters staff in Belmont, the crowding even some months ago in our offices at 395 and 385 Concord Avenue had become such as to reduce efficiency; and we rented a new building being constructed on Brighton Street, Belmont, for additional space. Our Research Department, editorial departments, Speakers Bureau, and American Opinion business office have already been moved into this new building, we shall arrange to take the COUNCIL members over there during Saturday for a brief visit of inspection -- and we believe you will all find these added new premises of considerable interest.

At this COUNCIL meeting we shall have the usual reports from all or most of our department heads. The new, enlarged, revamped, dressed up, and

we believe highly promising and exciting THE REVIEW OF THE NEWS (including Correction, Please! as one section) will already be in regular weekly production. We shall be just about ready, we hope, to release our revised ONE DOZEN CANDLES as a part of the new Americanist Library uniform paperback series. We hope and believe that our TACT committees will already be starting to function extensively as distributors of authoritative and revealing literature on the "civil rights" agitation. And there will be many plans and opportunities for the months ahead, on which we think an open discussion will be interesting and which we know will be helpful.

So we are hoping for a full attendance, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you on the morning of Saturday, September 18. If you will let Miss Lovett know that you are coming, and how many guests if any you will have for the dinner, this information will be much appreciated and very helpful. In the meantime, my earnest thanks for so much unceasing support, and my kindest regards to one and all.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Brophy's Answer To Buckley

On Birch Stand Held Evasive

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

I have labored to find the answer to the question: Does the typical member of the John Birch Society wince when the leadership makes spectacular remarks imputing pro-Communist motives to the highest officials of government? I have received 200 letters since I quoted in this column from an article in the current issue of Mr. Welch's **BUCKLEY** magazine, *American Opinion*. Of those 200 correspondents, only two joined me in deploring the article's excesses.



I quoted some typical reactions in an intermediate column. Today I quote from Frank Cullen Brophy, of Phoenix, Ariz., whose distinguished career as a gentleman, banker, rancher, and writer is well known in the Southwest. He is a member of the national council of the John Birch Society. Let us see how his mind reacts on the question at issue.

I quoted from the *American Opinion* article the following sentence: "The attention of the American people was first drawn to the real problem of mental health on Oct. 1, 1962, when, in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist party, a gang under the direction of Nicholas Katzenbach (now attorney general of the U.S.) kidnapped Gen. Edwin A. Walker in Oxford, Miss."

WHEREUPON MR. Brophy writes me: "General Walker was kidnapped, or at least seized unlawfully, confined in a mental institution or prison without proper medical examination, and after some days released due to the patriotic pressures of thousands of outraged Americans. The oddest thing about this is that you think it odd that the John Birch Society takes a dim view of such totalitarian tactics and tries to arouse people before it is too late."

Here, preserved in formaldehyde, is a specimen of the utter hopelessness of communication

agree with every syllable of Mr. Brophy's dismay at what was done to General Walker, and am abundantly on record to that effect. But the operative words in the Birch article were that Walker was detained "in obedience to the specific demands of the Communist party" — words to which Mr. Brophy does not even bother to allude!

Again, I had quoted *American Opinion*: "The theory that the Warren Court is working for a domestic, as distinct from foreign dictatorship, becomes less tenable every day."

MR. BROPHY WRITES me, by way of justification: "The pro-Communist activities of the court in recent years are so obvious that I find it hard to believe that you would find any comment to offer."

The vital difference between "pro-Communist in effect," and "pro-Communist in intention," it once again does not cross Mr. Brophy's mind to mention. When J. Edgar Hoover, by relaxing his vigilance, permitted several convicted members of the Communist party to slip off to Mexico, the result was pro-Communist in effect; but hardly by design. When the Founding Fathers ratified the First Amendment to the Constitution, they committed an act that was profoundly pro-Jacobin, and ultimately pro-Communist in effect; but was hardly such by design. When the Warren Court interprets that First Amendment in such a way as to grant license to the Communist party, it is most certainly doing something that is pro-Communist in effect; but in the absence of evidence that the justices are secret friends of the Communist conspiracy, hardly pro-Communist by design. One can deplore, as for instance Prof. Sidney

Hook (and I) have done, the absolutization of the First Amendment in such fashion as to help conspirators, without questioning the motives — as distinguished from the judgment — of the ideologues on the court.

And besides, the Birch article suggests in plain English that the Warren Court is "working for," i.e., is hoping to bring into being, "a foreign dictatorship"; which is to suggest, pure and simple, that the majority of the court are pro-Communist traitors.

WHY ARE SUCH elementary distinctions lost on Mr. Brophy? And on other members of the national council of the John Birch Society? Hasn't their position, to judge from Mr. Brophy's analysis, clearly come down to the following propositions: (1) Things are going poorly for the United States these days. (2) The reason why is because the people who are running things are Communists and Communist sympathizers. (3) Anyone who believes in Proposition (1) yet cavils at the derivative Proposition (2) is either (a) naive, or (b) irrelevant; and in any event, (c) a clear and present nuisance.

In the absence of public disavowals of this reasoning from responsible members of the John Birch Society, one must henceforth conclude that the minority who object to imputing pro-communism to such as Attorney General Katzenbach, and to Justices Warren, Black, Douglas and Brennan, are overruled. That the majority of the members of the Society sanction the imputation of treasonable motives to such men as these, not to mention Dean Rusk, Allen Dulles, Robert McNamara, etc., etc,

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Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

Since Mr. Norton has already belabored his point almost to the point of no return, I suggest that the Council adopt his suggestion in some form. My own version is the following:

"Less Government, more individual responsibility and, with God's help, a better world for all men of good will."

I assume the Council agrees that without Divine assistance we are helpless. On the other hand "If God be with us, who can be against us?"

In a recent letter from Barry Goldwater (the first in about a year) he says: "I noticed that you have taken exception to our mutual friend, Buckley's attack on Bob Welch, so don't be surprised if you see a few of my remarks in that direction also". This brings up the question about our attitude towards these liberal-conservative friends. My letter to Buckley was not intended for publication and he used it unfairly, I thought. At any rate, he could not refute it, so instead he indulged in some questionable logic. However, Conservatives squabbling in public is harmful and we should not be a party to it, without very serious consideration; therefore, I trust the Society will refrain from publicizing our disagreements, and ignore the Buckleys and Goldwaters, unless they become intolerable.

In this regard our writers and speakers should always be firm and positive, but not intolerant. When they become bitter, vitriolic or unnecessarily personal they lay us open to attack. This is the worst possible tactic for J.B.S. at this time. It gives the enemy the one type of ammunition that has proved effective against us.

Now that the Civil Rights have achieved considerable success with their Civil Disorders, we must step up our campaign to:

- (1) "Support your local police." This will help counter-act the "police brutality" motif which the conspiracy is currently using.
- (2) Expose the "student demonstration" technique which has been developing during the past two years.
- (3) Continue to alert the public about the real purposes behind the efforts to make it illegal for a citizen to have firearms. Remember that gold is just as important a weapon (though more complex) as the gun. To

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Belmont, Massachusetts
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own gold was made illegal in 1933 due to a certain "crisis", and that illegal action has been confirmed by executive orders under Truman and Eisenhower without crises. The right of a citizen to have arms will go the same way as the right to own gold, unless we can stop it.

- (4) We should keep a close watch on the disposition of our armed forces. Should too many Marines and "crack" divisions be scattered in distant "trouble spots" that would be ominous. The question should be incessantly raised: "Why are the Nationalist Chinese troops kept out of Viet Nam?"

Sincerely,

Frank Cullen Brophy

FCB:bss
cc: Council members

October 11, 1965

Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

I have been able to get in a few licks here in the Southwest which I hope will have some effect in slowing up the blitz we are now undergoing.

Ronald Reagan headquarters recently sent me his complete statement on the John Birch Society. The press, of course, only used such parts as they felt would be damaging. The statement in itself was quite good except for that part which he and Goldwater invariably use in referring to you. Some of Reagan's most important connections are close friends, so I am trying to slow him up on this aspect of the current attack on us. ✓

I have heard that Mr. and Mrs. George S. Birch have suggested a revised slogan for the Society which includes the Almighty. The one I have seen is the following:

"Less government, more individual responsibility, and
a better world under God."

This is the best I have seen. Its succinctness and brevity appeal to me and I hope the Society will use it and that it will appear prominently in all our forthcoming literature.

I well realize how busy you are, so please don't bother to answer this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Cullen Brophy

FCB:bss

September 29, 1965

Mr. John H. Rousselot
The John Birch Society, Inc.
2627 Mission Street
San Marino, California 91108

Dear John:

I have written recently to Holmes Alexander, an old friend, and Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Davis, also old friends, who happen to be Nancy Reagan's parents. The Davises are solid Conservatives and know the score. I have also been in touch with Buckley and Brent Bozell. In all these instances I am doing what I can to get these silly people to stop cracking at J.B.S. and Robert Welch. In the first place they don't know what they are talking about, and in the second place I am pretty sure they actually don't want to hurt our cause. If I am wrong, of course, then these efforts will prove to no avail. However, I am hopeful that they will put a stop to this nonsense.

I had a letter from Barry Goldwater a few days ago, saying that he intended to start cracking, too. I have not replied to that, but if I can find anybody connected with him that makes any political sense at all, I will go to work on them. Kitchel, Shadegg and such would be no help, but I may think of someone who will. If you think of anything I can do to help stop this attack, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Frank Cullen Brophy

FCB:bss
cc: Mr. Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ROBERT WELCH, INC.

January 10, 1966

To All Employees In Belmont:

We are now beginning our eighth year. ✓ Our growth during the first seven years, while far below what we would have liked, has been sufficient to make The John Birch Society the recognized leader of opposition to the Communists. As a consequence we can expect the attacks on us to increase steadily in force, in variety, and in viciousness.

We need, therefore, to tighten up our operation and streamline our activities all we can, as rapidly as we can. In the case of most members of our staff we should be able to depend on far more dedication in purpose, and conscientiousness of effort, than any ordinary business organization could expect. But even then a proper amount of planning, guidance, and supervision is all important. In order, therefore, to strengthen morale, to increase efficiency, and to clarify any present confusion over areas of responsibility, we are undertaking to carry out the following program as rapidly as circumstances, practicability, and common sense will permit.

1. We shall gradually establish a much sharper demarcation than has existed in the past between the complex of publishing and other business operations, known as Robert Welch, Inc., and its parent organization, The John Birch Society. In general, the activities of Robert Welch, Inc. will be centered in the building at 4 Hill Road, while those of The John Birch Society will remain centered at 395 Concord Avenue.
2. In line with this program, the stencil room is being moved this week to 395 Concord Avenue. In time the present stencil system and equipment will be utilized exclusively by The John Birch Society. We expect to install IBM equipment on the bottom floor of 4 Hill Road, for handling subscription records, address tapes, billing, and all related office activities of the various divisions of Robert Welch, Inc. In the meantime, as we work our way into the final arrangement, temporary equipment and methods will have to be used to a considerable extent, and the cooperation of everybody, to avoid both mistakes and wasted motions under these circumstances, will be greatly appreciated.
3. Mr. Philip Langan's Circulation Department will be moved to the bottom floor of 4 Hill Road. He will thus be able to work directly in touch with the IBM operation as soon as it is installed and functioning. In the meantime a certain amount of equipment from the present stencil room will be transferred to, and used at, 4 Hill Road on a temporary basis.

4. The space at 385 Concord Avenue, presently used by the stencil room and the circulation office, will be taken over by the shipping room. The packaging of the ONE DOZEN CANDLES and the routine mailing of MMM bonus books will be transferred from 4 Hill Road to this new shipping room space.

5. All billing, posting, and bookkeeping for all departments or divisions of Robert Welch, Inc. will be done at 4 Hill Road. The only department of Robert Welch, Inc. not in this building at 4 Hill Road will be the Shipping Department, under the management of Jerry Mills.

6. To supply the needed supervision, coordination, planning, and cooperation, of and between all departments of both organizations, the following four executives, effective today, will either continue or assume the responsibilities indicated by the title against each name:

The John Birch Society

— Mr. Thomas N. Hill, National Director of Field Activities

— Mr. Thomas J. Davis, Comptroller

Robert Welch, Inc.

— Mr. Michael McGagin, Vice-President -- Administration

— Mr. Willard Voit, Vice-President -- Sales

Mr. Davis, while on the JBS payroll, will serve also as comptroller for Robert Welch, Inc., and will be the one man most responsible for the proper coordination and cooperation between the two organizations wherever it is needed.

What will count far more, however, than all the planning and equipment and organizational foresight we can provide, is the spirit of our business family. We are a small group which has been landed, by the conflict and the circumstances that have been building up for decades, and by our own determination, at a key spot in the very center of one of the great crises of human history. We face a challenge and have an opportunity which make every hour of routine work, and every grain of thought and labor which each of us contributes to the total daily accomplishment, of tremendously greater importance than if we were employed in some more normal enterprise. For on the ultimate success of our total effort together may well depend the future freedom and happiness of millions besides ourselves. This is a thought to keep always in the background of our minds as we go about our daily tasks.

And in doing your part, wherever your particular place may be and duties may lie in our ambitious undertaking, may you have happy and healthy days throughout all of the new year which now lies ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Dear Mr. Brophy:

I honestly don't know how it is possible to continue this dialogue between us. You seem to be utterly unperturbed by the only thing that perturbs me - the downright lunatic nature of Welch's pronouncements. I will thank you not to compare the John Birch Society with the Catholic Church, because I have not, and so far as I am aware you have not, ever confused the Birch Society with my own religion. ✓

I wonder if ever, ever, ever you will ask yourself why it is that not a single professionally engaged conservative in the United States of any distinction whatever supports the work of the Society? +

Yours faithfully,

Wm. F. Buckley Jr.
Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.

Mr. Frank C. Brophy
San Ignacio Del Baracomari Ranch
Elgin, Arizona

February 24, 1966

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.
150 East 35th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Buckley:

You have a good point about not comparing the John Birch Society with the Catholic Church. One striking difference between them is that the Holy Ghost has not put his arms around the J.B.S., and more is the pity. However, being a good fanatic myself, I still sing "We shall overcome" inspite of W.F.B., Jr., National Review, The Worker, and the National Council of Churches, of which my old friend Charlie Taft was once a distinguished president.

Concerning the last paragraph of your letter, I question the correctness of your assumption, since I do know quite a few "professionally engaged conservatives" of distinction who support the work of the Society. Some of them seem to be very sensible fellows. However I can understand why certain conservative types find Robert Welch and his works rather hard to take. Verbosity, omnipotence and an occasional show of intransigence, are not my favorite human weaknesses either. On balance the J.B.S. appears to have proved sufficiently effective to draw some pretty heavy fire from the enemy. That is more meaningful to me than a well polished literary exercise in the New York Times, Foreign Affairs or even National Review.

I suspect that we ought to weigh the good and the bad very carefully. Having done this for some years, I discovered that the supply of saints and geniuses is pretty limited. Accordingly, I have learned to make some allowances for human frailties. Inspite of an occasional attack of nausea, I continue to maintain my cheerful mien and assist the J.B.S. when ppsible - just as I do the National Review.

With my best wishes and highest esteem,

Sincerely,

FCB/ts

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

September 12, 1966

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Frank:

This will have to be fairly brief, because -- as you can easily imagine -- I am overwhelmed with work. But I want you to know that your letter, from which I read extracts to the COUNCIL, was very helpful and deeply appreciated.

We had seventeen of the twenty-two members of the COUNCIL present on Saturday. During the morning I used one hour for a concise review of the progress of the evil force, which is now dominated by and largely identified with the Communist conspiracy, from the late Eighteenth Century until the present time. We then had reports from several department heads, and questions and discussions by members of the COUNCIL, until the meeting broke up for lunch.

At the executive session that afternoon, I read to the COUNCIL a long report which I had prepared on the background to the resignations of Dr. Oliver and Dr. Draskovich. It is not anything that I want to let out of my hands. But sometime when I see you I'll be glad either to give you the substance of this report or to read it to you. And I believe you will be considerably surprised by some aspects of the situation.

After hearing this report, the COUNCIL approved the following statement for release to the press and for insertion in the October Bulletin: "The resignations of Dr. Revilo P. Oliver and Dr. S. M. Draskovich from the COUNCIL and from the Society were presented, and the seventeen members of the COUNCIL present unanimously approved the acceptance of these resignations."

Saturday evening at the dinner session about eighty COUNCIL members and guests saw our new 16mm film, Anarchy USA, which cost us about seventy-five thousand dollars and has been over a year in production. It made a terrific impact, as it is already doing in the field. After that we heard a most interesting report from one of our good members, Mr. C. R. Lewis of Anchorage, Alaska, on the extremely encouraging victories of Birchers who were candidates in the recent primary elections in Alaska -- including

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy

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the Republican nomination of our Life Member, Dr. Lee McKinley, for the United States Senate by almost a two-to-one majority.

I then commented very briefly on some other recent victories of Birchers in various political campaigns, and after a benediction by our COUNCIL member, Dr. Thomas Parker, the meeting adjourned. We had reminded everybody, however, as we now remind you, of the next COUNCIL dinner in New York on Friday evening, December 9, at which we expect to have fifteen hundred present in celebration of the eighth anniversary of the founding of the Society. Let me remind you further that the next COUNCIL meeting itself will take place in New York on Saturday, December 10, following this COUNCIL dinner the evening before. You will, of course, receive the usual routine notice in the meantime.

To save myself time, believing that it will be all right with you, and to give these friends at least some report on the meeting Saturday, I am sending a copy of this letter to each of the other four members of the COUNCIL who were unable to be present. And I send to each of them, and to yourself, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:jg

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

December 2, 1966

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

It has been suggested, and I thoroughly agree, that it might make our COUNCIL meetings more productive as well as more interesting if an agenda were provided to all members in advance. For the meeting in New York on Saturday, December 10, therefore, we submit the following items to be given appropriate attention, and a schedule to give effect to this agenda will be followed as closely as circumstances will permit.

Because of attendance at the dinner the night before, a number of friends of various COUNCIL members, and of other special guests, as well as several members of the staff, will be present at this COUNCIL meeting during the morning and through luncheon. Whether we go into executive session of the COUNCIL immediately after luncheon, or at some time later during the afternoon, will depend on the wishes of the COUNCIL itself so far as I can determine them. But the presence of guests during at least the morning session has been given consideration in the sequence below.

1. We shall open, at nine o'clock sharp, with a showing of the new film strip, Show Biz In The Streets, produced by our Public Relations Department. This will run thirty minutes. We believe you will find this film strip both interesting and revealing, so hope that you will arrive in time to see it all.

2. There will then be a brief report from myself on the finances, growth, and general outlook of and for the Society at the end of 1966 -- and on any more specific matters which appear to merit the time and attention of the COUNCIL on this occasion. My report and the ensuing discussion connected with it will probably require between thirty minutes and an hour.

3. The recent elections constitute an extremely important landmark in the progress and effectiveness of the basic educational program of The John Birch Society. The Executive Committee feels, as do I, that it would be very helpful to have a brief report from each member of the COUNCIL present on the results and significance of the elections in his own state, and adjoining states which are not in the bailiwick of another COUNCIL member. Where there are two COUNCIL members in one state, we should be very glad to have a separate report from each. It is expected that these reports, and the discussions prompted by them, will occupy most of the morning session.

✓ 4. The lines of battle are tightening, the crisis is here, the next two years may well determine the outcome, and it seems to me that we need to become more realistic and more outspoken in our efforts to inform, awaken, and alarm the American people. It further seems to me, and there is plenty of experience to indicate, that the one tool we have which most effectively creates a sharp understanding among patriotic but apathetic citizens of what is really taking place is The Politician. ✓

Without my urging any position or action with regard to this subject, therefore, I nevertheless suggest -- and some members of the Executive Committee with whom I have talked about it are in agreement -- that we at least discuss more aggressive use and distribution of this tested alarm clock. It is my own firm opinion, based on a great deal of mail and personal conversations, that fully ninety percent of our members, on receiving the approbation and encouragement of our COUNCIL, would immediately begin using The Politician with relief, assurance, and determination in their educational efforts. I do not know whether this would be wise or not, and shall certainly not urge any decision on the COUNCIL. But let's talk about it anyway.

5. For at least two years, except at Boston in September because of the special circumstances involved, it has been our custom, at each COUNCIL meeting, to allow a minimum of two hours for members of the COUNCIL to bring up and discuss anything they wanted the COUNCIL to consider. Perhaps one reason these parts of our COUNCIL sessions have not proved more fruitful is that usually nobody has given thought in advance to what he might want to develop during this opportunity. For December 10, therefore, please consider this as notice that each member of the COUNCIL will individually be offered at least a few minutes to tell the rest of us anything that is on his mind, entirely apart from his political report -- and his topic will be given more time and discussion if the COUNCIL appears to desire it. ✓

6. Specific items to be considered, which should require relatively little time, will include:

(a) The schedule for COUNCIL meetings during 1967.

(b) Whether, for the COUNCIL dinner in Los Angeles in March, we should follow last year's precedent, and plan for about six hundred in attendance, probably at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel as before; or make this a West Coast version of the December dinner in New York, and plan for some fifteen hundred at the dinner, to be held perhaps in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Statler Hilton in downtown Los Angeles.

(c) Comments, criticisms and suggestions concerning this year's anniversary dinner held the night before the COUNCIL meeting, as guidance for next time.

(d) The advantage and desirability of testimonial dinners, for various members of our COUNCIL in their respective areas, as fund-raising activities for the Society. We have one such dinner now tentatively planned.

(e) Any matters of a similar or specific nature which members of the COUNCIL may wish to present.

Adjournment is expected at approximately 5:30 P. M., and no dinner or formal meeting of any kind is scheduled thereafter. RW

Special Notice

It would certainly be more convenient, in most cases, for COUNCIL members to be right in the same hotel where the dinner and COUNCIL meeting are held.

If you have not already made reservations, therefore, and do wish to stay at the New York Hilton, we believe you can still get accommodations there, despite the late notice and despite the hotel being quite crowded at this season, by getting directly in touch with Miss Ann Howell, Secretary to Mr. Thomas Hogan, Director of Catering, New York Hilton Hotel. In that case, inform her of course that you are a member of the COUNCIL of The John Birch Society, and we believe you will receive the necessary special attention. RW

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1964

SPARK, MANN & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

60 STATE STREET
BOSTON

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60 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

March 19, 1965

To the Board of Directors
The John Birch Society, Incorporated
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

We have examined the balance sheet of The John Birch Society, Incorporated (a Massachusetts corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the laws of the Commonwealth) as of December 31, 1964 and the related statement of income and expenses and deficit for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Contributions were solicited in part by means of literature which was made available by the Society to interested parties, and the collections of local chapter membership dues are reflected only to the extent that such collections have been received by the Society's home office; accordingly, it was impracticable for us to extend our examination of contributions and membership dues received beyond accounting for amounts so recorded by the home office.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and related statement of income and expenses and deficit present fairly the financial position of

The John Birch Society, Incorporated at December 31, 1964, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Spark, Mann & Company

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND DEFICIT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1964

INCOME:

Membership dues	\$536,566.35
Contributions, etc.	875,220.14
Sales of publications, etc.	165,062.81
Advertising service fees	59,541.40
Speeches and seminars	31,061.62
Services - Correction, Please!, Inc.	13,170.75
Dividend income	<u>1,894.15</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,682,517.22

EXPENSES:

Salaries	751,692.46
Payroll taxes	29,709.80
Coordinators - travel and expenses	264,032.86
Promotion	88,946.37
Printing and publications	221,481.81
Rent and office services:	
Robert Welch, Inc. (net)	\$13,431.52
Other	<u>9,050.00</u>
Postage	22,481.52
Stationery and office supplies	70,166.45
Shipping supplies	41,037.10
Depreciation	5,078.57
Telephone and telegraph	8,294.54
Film presentation fees, etc.	19,461.27
Speeches and seminars	49,563.62
Legal and audit	7,888.21
Bad debts	11,839.90
Insurance and interest	5,418.51
Taxes - other	2,827.92
Sundry - net	<u>1,707.51</u>
	<u>2,407.16</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,604,035.58

NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

78,481.64

DEFICIT - JANUARY 1, 1964

210,954.60

DEFICIT - DECEMBER 31, 1964

\$132,472.96

Note: No provision for federal income tax is required due to the application of a net operating loss carry-forward computed in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1964

ASSETS

Cash	\$17,135.13
Accounts Receivable - less allowance of \$3,338.21 for doubtful accounts	65,236.11
Inventory of Books, etc. - at lower of cost or market	59,943.22
Equipment, etc. - less accumulated depreciation of \$23,194.33	34,175.36
Prepaid Expenses	6,647.85
Marketable Securities - at cost (market value \$9,350.00)	9,748.70
Investment in Robert Welch, Inc. - at nominal value	2.00
	<u>\$192,888.37</u>

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable - Unsecured:		
Non-interest bearing - demand	\$1,000.00	
5% - demand	<u>10,000.00</u>	\$11,000.00
Accounts Payable:		
Robert Welch, Inc.	169,202.26	
Correction, Please!, Inc.	7,369.54	
Other	<u>96,839.19</u>	273,410.99
Accrued Expenses		<u>40,950.34</u>
		325,361.33
Deficit		<u>132,472.96</u>
		<u>\$192,888.37</u>

Note: At December 31, 1964, the Society was named as defendant in various lawsuits aggregating \$9,300,000 for punitive and compensatory damages alleged to have resulted from circulation of unfavorable material by the Society or its members and from conspiracy which resulted in false arrest. These lawsuits are still pending and the extent to which the Society may become liable, if any, is not now ascertainable. Additionally, The John Birch Society, Incorporated has a law suit pending against the Huntley-Brinkley newscasting team and the National Broadcasting Company in the amount of \$2,000,000 for damages alleged to have resulted from a slanderous and libelous newscast by the team during 1964. This litigation was still in the pre-trial stage at December 31, 1964.

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1964

SPARK, MANN & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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March 19, 1965

To the Board of Directors
Robert Welch, Inc.
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

We have examined the balance sheet of Robert Welch, Inc. as of December 31, 1964. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We were not able to independently confirm a liability of \$85,000.00 due to a subscriber on a 4% demand promissory note, but we satisfied ourselves as to this liability by other procedures.

In our opinion, subject to the collectibility of the amounts due from The John Birch Society, Incorporated (\$169,202.26), and Correction, Please!, Inc. (\$12,322.15), the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of Robert Welch, Inc. at December 31, 1964, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The accompanying statement of income and expenses and earned surplus for the year ended December 31, 1964 has been prepared from the books of account without verification.

Spark, Mann & Company

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1964

ASSETS

Cash	\$18,793.80
Accounts Receivable - less allowance of \$19,596.71 for doubtful accounts	189,389.06
Inventory of Books, etc. - at lower of cost or market	187,659.67
Due from The John Birch Society, Incorporated	169,202.26
Due from Correction, Please!, Inc.	12,322.15
Furniture and Equipment - less accumulated depreciation of \$30,732.46	56,260.16
Automobile - less accumulated depreciation of \$332.30	1,262.70
Leasehold Improvements - unamortized balance	459.33
Prepaid Expenses, Etc.	7,012.84
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$642,361.97</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

NOTES PAYABLE - SUBSCRIBERS AND

CUSTOMERS - UNSECURED:

5% - due July 11, 1965	\$1,000.00	
5% - due December 10, 1964	5,000.00	
4% - demand	<u>85,000.00</u>	\$91,000.00
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		311,201.69
Deferred Subscriptions Income		52,995.90
Federal Income Tax		14,785.23
Other Federal and State Taxes		<u>6,315.97</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>		476,298.79

CAPITAL:

Preferred stock - 5% cumulative - par value \$100 a share		
Authorized 11,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding 1,381 shares	138,100.00	
Common stock - no par value		
Authorized - 20,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding 14,801 shares	14,801.00	
Earned surplus	<u>13,162.18</u>	166,063.18
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</u>		<u>\$642,361.97</u>

Note: Dividends in arrears (not waived) on the outstanding cumulative preferred stock amounted to \$5,455.50 at December 31, 1964.

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND EARNED SURPLUS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1964

INCOME:

Sales of publications	\$1,007,761.74
Advertising, etc.	28,527.56
Speaking fees	60,623.09
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>1,096,912.39</u>

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$155,037.62
Payroll taxes	9,424.04
Printing and publications	542,559.91
Speakers' fees	35,966.11
Rent and electricity	22,497.62
Postage and shipping supplies	101,402.13
Guest articles	42,590.50
Office expense	6,453.26
Stationery and supplies	29,169.98
Telephone and telegraph	11,819.91
Depreciation and amortization	9,999.45
Research	698.49
Dues and subscriptions	925.29
Travel	24,750.57
Royalties	10,502.86
Professional fees	23,989.00
Taxes	6,224.00
Bad debts	12,098.78
Promotion	625.38
Interest	3,289.57
Insurance	7,545.49
Sundry	2,237.40
	<u>1,059,807.36</u>

Less - Rent and office services
charged to:

The John Birch Society, Incorporated	\$13,431.52
Correction, Please!, Inc.	1,898.27
	<u>15,329.79</u>

NET EXPENSES

1,044,477.57

INCOME - Before Provision for
Federal Income Tax

52,434.82

Provision for Federal Income Tax

14,785.23

NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

37,649.59

EARNED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) - JANUARY 1, 1964

(10,051.76)

27,597.83

Dividends paid on preferred stock (arrearage to
December 31, 1963 including \$7,626.08
previously waived by preferred stockholders)

14,435.65

EARNED SURPLUS - DECEMBER 31, 1964

\$13,162.18

Note: Prepared from the books of account without verification.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
Financial Information for September, 1967

<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>SAN MARINO</u>
Dues	\$ 33,236.90	\$ 17,019.75
Life Memberships	21,260.00	3,100.00
Contributions	88,082.51	22,169.31
Loans	50.00	
Publication Sales (MMM)	2,291.60	3,353.89
Income from Speeches	2,427.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>8,315.13</u>	<u>6,233.44</u>
	<u>\$155,663.14</u>	<u>\$51,876.39</u>
TOTAL - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$207,539.53</u>
<u>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>SAN MARINO</u>
Salaries - Office & Executive	\$ 31,048.45	\$
Speakers Fees to Robert Welch (Total for 9 months \$11,500)	2,500.00	
Salaries - Field Staff	39,053.72	
Expenses - Field Staff	20,252.58	
Rents	1,759.80	
Telephones	2,370.87	847.13
Accounts Payable (Taxes, Films, misc)	76,774.09	8,769.92
Correction Please, Inc.	1,839.63	
Postage	9,812.00	1,527.43
Paid to Robert Welch, Inc.	<u> </u>	<u>27,000.00</u>
	<u>\$185,411.14</u>	<u>\$38,144.48</u>
TOTAL - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$223,555.62</u>

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
Financial Information for October, 1967

<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>SAN MARINO</u>
Dues	\$ 38,328.30	\$18,392.00
Life Memberships	32,300.00	7,600.00
Contributions	100,314.71	29,874.63
Loans	5,200.00	
Publication Sales (MMM)	3,495.92	4,076.61
Income from Speeches	3,573.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>7,973.32</u>	<u>4,139.67</u>
	<u>\$191,185.91</u>	<u>\$64,082.91</u>
TOTAL - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$255,268.82</u>
<u>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>SAN MARINO</u>
Salaries - Office & Executive	\$37,645.14	\$
Speaker Fees to Robert Welch	2,500.00	
(Total for 10 months \$14,000)		
Salaries - Field Staff	45,758.46	
Expenses - Field Staff	24,702.80	
Rents	1,760.00	
Telephones	3,087.29	672.23
Accounts Payable	57,676.68	6,862.47
(Taxes, Films, misc.)		
Interest	100.00	
Postage	7,354.00	1,544.10
Paid to Robert Welch, Inc.	<u>'</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>
	<u>\$180,584.57</u>	<u>\$36,078.80</u>
TOTAL - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$216,663.37</u>

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
Financial Information for November, 1967

	<u>BELMONT</u>	<u>SAN MARINO</u>
<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>		
Dues	\$ 34,735.00	\$ 16,241.00
Life Memberships	20,150.00	2,115.00
Contributions	86,841.14	24,382.37
Loans	15,000.00	
Publications Sales (MMM)	3,020.04	4,445.46
Income from Speeches	2,729.07	
Miscellaneous	<u>9,592.45</u>	<u>4,203.06</u>
	<u>\$172,067.70</u>	<u>\$ 51,386.89</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$223,454.59</u>
<u>CASH DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Salaries - Office and Executive	\$ 30,588.12	
Salaries - Field Staff	36,269.84	
Expenses - Field Staff	32,836.15	
Speakers Fees to Robert Welch (Total for 11 months \$15,000)	1,000.00	
Rents	1,760.00	
Telephone	2,635.28	712.34
Accounts Payable (Misc.)	6,345.83	1,554.89
Taxes	22,942.96	
Supreme Film	3,590.60	1,764.36
Correction Please, Inc.	1,000.00	
Transferred to RW, Inc.	30,000.00	59,000.00
Postage	10,673.71	1,500.00
Interest	<u>1,250.00</u>	
	<u>\$180,892.49</u>	<u>\$ 64,531.59</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - BOTH OFFICES		<u>\$245,424.08</u>

WITHIN-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Welch

Date: 12-7-67

From: Carole McKinney

Subject: Continuing Support Clubs

	October 31, 1967		November 30, 1967	
Sawbuck Club	3200	32,000	3761	37,610
Quarter Cent.	560	14,000	650	16,250
Half Century	110	5,500	131	6,550
Century Club	100	10,000	117	11,700
Double Cent.	2	400	3	600
Triple Cent.	1	300	2	600
Big D	1	500	1	500
		<u>\$62,700</u>		<u>\$73,810</u>

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ROBERT WELCH, INC.

Financial Information for September, 1967

CASH RECEIPTS

Cash Sales - Belmont	\$11,201.87
Accounts Receivable - Belmont	26,912.06
Transfers from Newport Beach	12,000.00
Paid by JBS - San Marino	27,000.00
Transfers from A. O. Speakers Bureau	4,000.00
Contributions	32,319.05
Loans	4,000.00
Insurance Refund	13,508.00
Sale of Stock	303.00
Miscellaneous	<u>256.88</u>
	<u>\$131,500.86</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$23,190.34
Staff Expenses	213.82
Rents	3,702.32
Telephones	1,799.62
Accounts Payable (Taxes, Printing, Publishers, misc.)	92,646.99
Notes Payable - Real Estate	2,620.34
Interest	3,769.53 ✓
Authors	3,650.00
Postage	<u>5,165.69</u>
	<u>\$136,758.65</u>

How much Interest?

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

Financial Information for October, 1967

CASH RECEIPTS

Cash Sales - Belmont	\$14,026.96
Accounts Receivable - Belmont	29,625.95
Transfers from Newport Beach	9,000.00
Paid by JBS - San Marino	27,000.00
Contributions	39,267.50
Loans	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	884.24
Sale of Stock	<u>37,260.00</u>
	<u>\$167,064.65</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$27,757.41
Staff Expenses	420.71
Rents	3,139.66
Telephones	1,766.58
Accounts Payable (Taxes, Printing, Publishers, misc.)	76,874.38
Notes Payable - Real Estate	2,835.18
Interest	5,910.56
Authors	3,520.00
Royalties	4,171.79
Postage	<u>4,551.04</u>
	<u>\$130,947.31</u>

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

Financial Information for November, 1967

CASH RECEIPTS

Cash Sales - Belmont	\$ 10,347.13
Accounts Receivable - Belmont	30,194.60
Transfers from Newport Beach	7,000.00
Transfers from San Marino	59,000.00
Contributions	22,560.17
Loans	.00
Miscellaneous	440.20
Sales of Stock	9,999.00
Federal Tax Refund	5,641.39
Transfers from Speakers Bureau	3,000.00
<i>Paially</i> Transfers from The JBS, Inc. - Belmont	<u>30,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$178,182.49</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 22,645.83
Staff Expenses	771.43
Rent	2,558.33
Telephone	1,776.20
Accounts Payable (Misc.)	17,456.64
Authors	3,547.73
Royalties	250.00
Postage	3,621.61
Taxes	9,752.63
Printing	54,694.24
Publishers	10,911.91
Notes Payable - Real Estate	2,203.67
Notes Payable - Banks	25,000.00
Interest	<u>2,339.06</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$157,529.28</u>

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1967

SPARK, MANN & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

60 STATE STREET
BOSTON

SPARK, MANN & COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
60 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

February 12, 1968

To the Board of Directors
The John Birch Society, Incorporated
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

We have examined the balance sheet of The John Birch Society, Incorporated (a Massachusetts corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the laws of the Commonwealth) as of December 31, 1967 and the related statement of income and expenses and deficit for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Contributions were solicited in part by means of literature which was made available by the Society to interested parties, and the collections of local chapter membership dues are reflected only to the extent that such collections have been received by the Society's home office; accordingly, it was impracticable for us to extend our examination of contributions and membership dues received beyond accounting for amounts so recorded by the home office.

In our opinion, subject to the collectibility of the amount due from Correction Please!, Inc. (\$162,247.19), the accompanying balance sheet

and related statement of income and expenses and deficit present fairly the financial position of The John Birch Society, Incorporated at December 31, 1967, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Spack, Mann & Company

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1967

ASSETS

Cash	\$18,500.68
Accounts Receivable	10,134.07
Due from Correction, Please!, Inc.	162,247.19
Notes Receivable - Robert Welch, Inc. - 5% - due January 1, 1976	6,000.00
Equipment, etc. - less accumulated depreciation of \$58,776.45	35,751.37
Prepaid Expenses	4,844.50
Marketable Securities - at cost (market value \$5,982.75)	5,809.25
Investment in Robert Welch, Inc. - at nominal value	6.00
Investment in Correction, Please!, Inc. (89% ownership) - at cost - not consolidated	100.00
	<u>\$243,393.06</u>

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable - Unsecured:		
Bank - 7% interest bearing - due 2/19/68	\$62,123.33	
Non-interest bearing - demand	24,873.18	
Non-interest bearing - due in varying amounts at various dates from March 1, 1968 to November 15, 1982	171,800.00	
5% - due in varying amounts at various dates from June 21, 1969 to February 15, 1977	73,000.00	
3% - due January 28, 1971	12,500.00	
6% - due in varying amounts at various dates from July 31, 1968 to December 14, 1972	19,203.24	363,499.75
Accounts Payable:		
Robert Welch, Inc.	797,609.77	
Other	55,843.22	853,452.99
Accrued Expenses		40,178.29
		1,257,131.03
Deficit		1,013,737.97
		<u>\$243,393.06</u>

Note: A lawsuit against the Society in the amount of \$5,000,000 for punitive and compensatory damages alleged to have resulted from circulation of unfavorable material by the Society was dismissed during 1967. At December 31, 1967, the Society was named as a defendant in a lawsuit seeking \$2,000,000 in damages for libel. This lawsuit is still pending.

*It is Robert Welch
not the Society.*

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND DEFICIT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1967

INCOME:

Membership dues	\$633,667.18
Contributions, etc.	1,162,182.67
Sales of publications, etc.	56,161.33
Speeches and seminars	55,486.00
Dividend income	<u>84.15</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,907,581.33

EXPENSES:

Salaries	1,104,541.68
Payroll taxes	47,547.01
Coordinators - travel and expenses	313,941.36
Promotion	115,773.99
Printing and publications	142,144.01
Rent	22,593.50
Services - Robert Welch, Inc. (net)	128,597.50
Postage	103,592.68
Stationery and office supplies	26,223.24
Utilities	2,390.57
Depreciation	11,356.84
Telephone and telegraph	45,326.15
Films	2,713.94
Audio and visual aids	27,010.51
Speeches and seminars	22,319.91
Legal and audit	5,447.91
Insurance and interest	11,387.34
Taxes - other	2,940.72
Sundry - net	<u>5,075.63</u>

2,140,924.49

Less - Office services charged to
Correction, Please!, Inc.

2,144.60

TOTAL EXPENSES

2,138,779.89

LOSS FOR THE YEAR

231,198.56

DEFICIT - JANUARY 1, 1967

782,539.41

DEFICIT - DECEMBER 31, 1967

\$1,013,737.97

WITHIN-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Welch

Date: 2-28-68

From: Carole McKinney

Subject: Continuing Support Clubs

As of February 28, 1968

Sawbuck Club	4192	\$41,920
Quarter Century Club	699	17,475
Half Century Club	148	7,400
Century Club	120	12,000
Double Century Club	3	600
Triple Century Club	2	600
Big D Club	2	1,000
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		\$80,995

SPARK, MANN & COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
60 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

February 12, 1968

To the Board of Directors
Robert Welch, Inc.
395 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

We have examined the balance sheet of Robert Welch, Inc. as of December 31, 1967. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, subject to the collectibility of the amounts due from The John Birch Society, Incorporated (\$797,609.77), and Correction, Please!, Inc. (\$116,788.29), the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of Robert Welch, Inc. at December 31, 1967, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The accompanying statement of income and expenses and earned surplus for the year ended December 31, 1967 has been prepared from the books of account without verification.

Spark, Mann & Company

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1967

1. Notes Payable (Current Liabilities):

Bank - 6 1/4% - due December 29, 1967 - partially
collateralized by marketable securities -
see contra

\$100,000.00

Unsecured:

Bank:

5 3/4% - due January 2, 1968	\$3,265.01
6 1/2% - due January 8, 1968	82,795.58
6 1/2% - due January 11, 1968	20,000.00

Other:

Non-interest bearing - due in varying amounts at various dates during 1968	58,000.00
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5%, 6%, 6 1/2%, 7%, due in varying amounts at various dates during 1968	80,000.00	244,060.59
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TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE

(Current Liabilities)

\$344,060.59

2. Dividends in arrears applicable to the 5% cumulative preferred stock for
the year 1965, amounting to \$10,344.34, were declared February 13, 1968.

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND EARNED SURPLUS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1967

INCOME:

Sales of publications	\$802,704.78
Advertising, etc.	63,433.05
Contributions	231,338.53
Speakers' fees	111,683.24
Dividends	3,275.00
Rent	10,399.92
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>1,222,834.52</u>

EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$414,443.30
Payroll taxes	23,870.97
Printing and publications	473,444.39
Speakers' fees	52,175.00
Rent and electricity	43,886.76
Postage and shipping supplies	86,017.24
Guest articles	41,384.53
Office expense	15,216.85
Stationery and supplies	30,712.45
Telephone and telegraph	19,714.98
Depreciation and amortization	24,763.45
Travel (includes \$23,034.30 of speakers' travel)	31,416.19
Royalties	13,198.49
Professional fees	7,660.00
Taxes	11,912.88
Bad debts	22,685.17
Interest - net	57,022.26
Insurance	8,933.24
Dues and subscriptions	1,114.40
Maintenance	7,173.95
Sundry	7,035.77
	<u>1,393,782.27</u>

Less - Rent and office services charged to:

Correction, Please!, Inc.	\$65,254.94	
The John Birch Society,		
Incorporated (net)	<u>128,597.50</u>	<u>193,852.44</u>

NET EXPENSES 1,199,929.83

OPERATING INCOME - Before Provision for
Federal Income Tax 22,904.69

Provision for Federal Income Tax 4,086.83

NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR 18,817.86

EARNED SURPLUS - JANUARY 1, 1967 12,001.08

EARNED SURPLUS - DECEMBER 31, 1967 \$30,818.94

Note: Prepared from the books of account without verification.

*John Birch
file*

OPERATING STATEMENT

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

For the year ending December 31, 1971

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 950,500.06
Contributions	1,805,826.50
Victory Film	112,793.26
Council Dinners	68,905.97
Services & Commissions	68,637.06
Speeches	2,444.20
Sale of Securities	488,900.00
Dividend income	922.52
Miscellaneous income	905.13

\$3,499,834.70

EXPENSES

Salaries	977,045.40
Payroll taxes	33,077.53
Services - Robert Welch, Inc.	612,603.22
Coordinators travel and general expense	410,567.59
Promotional	260,296.87
Postage	109,711.32
Book, Publications, and Speeches	81,896.26
Telephone	60,583.71
Victory Film	59,956.34
Council dinners	59,570.84
Rent and Utilities	52,481.68
Office supplies and expense	52,368.32
Bad Debts	33,000.00
Interest	21,964.42
Insurance	11,380.46
Legal and Audit	4,505.00
Miscellaneous tax	1,222.12
Miscellaneous expense	345.62

2,842,576.70

NET gain before taxes

\$ 657,258.00

OPERATING STATEMENT

ROBERT WELCH, INC.

For the year ending December 31, 1971

*American
Opinion*

INCOME

Sales of Publications, Advertising, etc.	\$801,705.77
Speakers' Bureau Income	92,287.60
Contributions	57,764.66
Services and Commissions	30,639.38
Rental income	6,510.00
Dividends and Royalties	134.24

TOTAL INCOME

\$989,041.65

EXPENSES

Salaries	957,300.56
Payroll taxes	52,499.27
Printing and Publications	308,143.11
Postage and Shipping supplies	265,418.83
Speakers fees and expenses	101,701.64
Rents, electricity and maintenance	90,856.00
Interest	87,242.65
Telephone and Telegraph	82,812.58
Office supplies and expense	66,594.58
Equipment rental and repair	40,812.63
Insurance	30,874.70
Authors fees	30,614.05
Services and Commissions	25,250.98
Legal and Audit	18,636.45
Other taxes	16,740.71
Travel	12,038.38
Depreciation	8,263.20
Bad Debts	5,991.93
Project Knowledge	5,767.12
Subscriptions	3,441.07
Service Contracts	1,528.20
Royalties	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	676.86

2,214,205.50

Less rents and office services:
The John Birch Society, Incorporated,
General Birch Services Corporation
Correction, Please!, Inc.

925,532.59

200,743.86

111,772.94

1,238,049.39

NET EXPENSES

976,156.11

Net gain before taxes

\$ 12,885.54

Revenue of the News

OPERATING STATEMENT

CORRECTION, PLEASE!, INC.

For the year ending December 31, 1971

INCOME

Sale of Publications	\$195,213.49
Advertising	266,648.50
Contributions	26,410.00
Miscellaneous income	205.72

\$488,477.71

EXPENSES

Services - Robert Welch, Inc	90,036.55
Printing and Publications	210,508.09
Postage	29,334.61
Equipment rental	20,597.26
Authors fees	17,622.94
Rent and Utilities	8,865.02
Travel expense	8,523.12
Bad Debts	6,900.00
Office supplies and expense	6,338.28
Telephone	2,925.98
Dues and Subscriptions	2,333.55
Legal and Audit	1,306.00
Freight	195.75
Miscellaneous taxes	25.00
Miscellaneous expense	12.28

405,524.43

NET gain before taxes

\$ 82,953.28

OPERATING STATEMENT

GENERAL BIRCH SERVICES CORPORATION

For the year ending December 31, 1971

INCOME

Sale of Publications	\$744,467.22
Audio Visual	82,523.09
Equipment rental	33,600.00
Interest	30,835.39
Project knowledge	18,071.01
Contributions	7,500.00
Gain on fixed assets	325.00
Miscellaneous expense	3,140.00

\$920,461.71

EXPENSES

Publication expense	387,302.81
Services - Robert Welch, Inc.	134,406.64
Postage and Shipping expense	84,413.62
Services and Commissions	73,023.66
Tape and Film	40,427.07
Advertising	34,910.00
Depreciation	30,689.72
Royalties	30,513.33
Rent, Utilities, and Maintenance	26,902.45
Office supplies and expense	13,507.08
Service contracts	7,678.69
Telephone and Telegraph	4,879.57
Legal and Audit	3,001.78
Equipment repair and rental	2,116.52
Interest	2,006.85
Project knowledge	1,674.55
Miscellaneous Tax	69.72
Miscellaneous expense	104.20

877,628.26

Net gain before taxes

\$ 42,833.45

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 7, 1967

Mr. Welch:

This is, I believe, the miscellaneous information which you wanted; on items within the period of eleven months from January 1, 1967 to November 30, 1967.

The income received by the Society for your speeches during that time was \$54,145.61.

The amount paid you in fees for your speeches during that period was \$15,000.00.

Since you have no more speeches scheduled during 1967, we can tell you now that the total fees received by you for the year will be \$16,500.00

Income still to be received from your speeches will increase the figure given above by probably about \$3,000.00

The amount owed Robert Welch, Inc. by JBS on January 1, 1967, was \$656,693.49. On June 30, 1967, it was \$609,755.63.

The total amount paid Robert Welch, Inc. by JBS during the eleven months has been \$290,000.00. We cannot tell you until the end of the year what countercharges have been added against this, since these figures are actually determined by our auditors. But we believe that the further reduction in the total indebtedness will be sizable.

As you know, we plan to have audited statements of both corporations for the year 1967 in time for the COUNCIL meeting on March 2, 1968. And thereafter to supply quarterly profit-and-loss statements (unaudited) within thirty days of the end of each quarter.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Prange

Donald C. Prange
Chief Accountant

J.B.S. Debt to member - 50 up to 100 -

200 other debts - 0 -
Hart. Welch Bros - 250,000

250,000

other loans

100,000 more

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

April 7, 1969

Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy
Post Office Box 9338
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Dear Frank:

Am not yet able to work full time -- although I am gaining fast -- and there is much to be done. So this answer to your letter of March 13 will have to be comparatively brief. But I do want you to know that you were unduly disturbed by the discussion at our Los Angeles COUNCIL Meeting concerning a prospective site for John Birch University.

I had nothing to do with this beforehand, and knew no more in advance of the meeting about John Schmitz's explorations, or what he was going to say, than did you or any other member of the COUNCIL. He had merely asked me by a letter to allow him fifteen minutes at the meeting to talk about the outlook for JBS University in California. And considering what a pillar of strength John is to the Society and to the Conservative cause in California, of course I had readily agreed.

✓ Despite the tremendous strength and following among California Conservatives which John Schmitz has acquired in his two terms as State Senator, and the very good prospects of him becoming either U. S. Senator from California or Governor of the State, he has been emphatic about his desire to return to the teaching profession by going on the faculty of JBS University, if and when the opportunity should ever arise. So, even when I learned of the course his explorations had taken, I thought we should certainly let him go ahead with his report, and also let the whole matter be discussed by the COUNCIL.

Actually, there are certain points about the future establishment of the University which should be noted.

(1) The enthusiasm is terrific, mainly because Conservatives in general -- and not just Birchers -- feel that it could be trusted to become, and remain, a seat of honest, worthwhile, traditional education. You would be surprised at the number of people who are already wanting to

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register their young children now for matriculation many years ahead. And I believe there would be a waiting list, against the comparatively small number the initial College of Liberal Arts could take in at the start.

(2) Indications are strong that obtaining a faculty of satisfactory and even superior qualifications would not be difficult. The academic woods are full of oldfashioned teachers who are very disturbed at the circumstances and conditions under which they have to function today, who would be quite interested in moving to traditional surroundings for their honest educational labors once again.

(3) It seems likely that there is considerable money available for John Birch University, some of it in sizable sums and much of it from non-members, which would not be available for the Society itself within the foreseeable future. In fact, I think we could make it a valid and working rule that, with a few minor exceptions, no money could or should be given to the University which might otherwise go directly to the Society.

(4) The extra load on my own time and energy, and on the attention of the COUNCIL, could be made comparatively slight by picking one able enough man as future President of the University who would take over, full time from the beginning, all of the planning and details and problems of getting the institution under way. I know one or two prospects for such a responsibility of whom I think you would approve.

(5) Public knowledge that the Society definitely was in the process of establishing John Birch University, even though the first opening of its doors to a small freshman class might be two or three years off, would be an immediate builder of prestige for the Society, of considerable value to us in connection with the very fight in which we are engaged. It would indicate an expectation of permanence, and a very solid identification of the Society with educational purposes, which would make some of the smears and attacks of our enemies a bit more difficult.

Despite all of these considerations, however, there is not the slightest chance, Frank, that we shall take even any preliminary steps about the matter without first discussing it thoroughly with the COUNCIL and unless there is enthusiastic as well as almost unanimous approval. This letter represents practically the only thought or attention I have given to the whole prospect since the Los Angeles meeting. I made even it wait until I had prepared our current "finance appeal" for the typesetters. And there is little chance that

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I shall give the whole subject any appreciable thought again before our meeting in Chicago on June 14.

I agree with you that our real job now is to convert the "minor miracle," represented by the progress of The John Birch Society so far, into a major miracle which can save our country from becoming one more set of provinces in a one-world Communist empire. To that end I am really devoting all of my time and strength and energy which -- while still handicapped a bit at present by factors attendant on my operation -- are soon going to be a great deal more robust and up-to-standard than was the case during the last few months before I went to the hospital to clear away my problems. And I think you are going to see a sizable increase in the levels of the Membership, Money, and Motivation which we need for the job that has to be done.

In the meantime, as always, you have my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

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May 21, 1969

Mr. Robert Welch
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Dear Bob:

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I intended, for a long time, to thank you for your reply to my suggestions about the John Birch College idea. Like you, I agree that it would be a wonderful thing to have such an institution in being, and I am willing to concede that it may not be as chimerical at this time as I may think. But, it seems to me, that the need for money is so great, in order to carry on the fight in which we are now engaged, that there is little chance that additional funds for such an educational effort might be realized at this time. If, indeed, such funds were available, I think they would be better spent in the immediate fight. I am fearful that a take-over may be more than a possibility by 1975, and on that assumption, it would be wise to stave off that misfortune rather than to start building something, which would only provide a physical asset to the other side, should my gloomy prognostication prove to be correct.

I am not planning, now, to be at the Chicago meeting, unless there is some absolutely vital reason why I should be. I have been in Mexico, recently, and am due down at the Babacomari Ranch about June 10th, so it is not convenient for me to make this trip to Chicago, at this time. Of course, if there is some reason for which my presence might be considered essential (and I certainly do not picture myself in the role of the indispensable man) please let me know. Sometime, in the next few months, I hope to be able to raise some money for the cause, even if I have to dig it out of my own pocket. This is not a promise, yet, but is certainly a worthy aspiration as of this writing.

Willis Stone just called me a few minutes ago. He is addressing a Liberty Amendment meeting tonight. Unfortunately, the Salt River Valley Water Users Association is having some sort of centenary celebration, which happens to be scheduled at the same time. I feel I should attend, as I used to take quite an active part in their affairs.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

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July 17, 1971

Mr. Robert Welch
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Belmont, Mass.

Dear Bob:

Just a few lines to let you know that I thought your July Four word very good and will do much to give the faithful a better understanding of what we are up against.

I cannot go along with the optimistic conclusions but I presume that you did not want to throw too much cold water on your readers after having warmed them up so well.

I fear that we are getting pretty close to zero hour and there is a good chance that this country will be in the straight jacket somewhat before 1976 comes around. Naturally, I hope that I am dead wrong but over a long period of years I fear my pessimistic projections have proved to be more correct than I had ever hoped they would be.

Recently, I found the enclosed which evidently is a reprint of Albert Nock's interesting article. I recall reading this article when it first appeared which must have been at least twenty years ago. I go along with Nock. There will be a Remnant and I hope that if these are Apocalyptic times that you and I may be a part of it. I trust this is not presumptuous. At any rate, we must not lose faith and in the end, we can be sure that the forces of evil will be overcome. The big question is "How long oh Lord, how long?"

With best wishes,

FCB:McC

Copies to Mr. Jack Williams
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September 7, 1971

Mr. Robert Welch
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Dear Bob:

It is with regret that I am not able to be at the Council Meeting in Boston. I picked up a mean little bug recently and have been running a temperature for the last few days, so I have had to keep quiet, and that accounts for my failure to show up. I have cancelled my reservation at the Ritz.

I had been looking forward to seeing the improvements, etc. that, I am sure, have taken place since I was last there. Organizational and financial talents are not among your smallest attributes. Kindly remember me to Scott Stanley, Mrs. Sproul, Tom Hill and the other members of the staff.

Another reason I was anxious to attend was that I felt that we should be considering seriously the crisis we are going to face within the next few years. For that reason, I am sending you some random remarks - and they may be pretty random - because this communication is being dictated via telephone from the Babacomari Ranch to my Phoenix office.

✓ I have been conscious of the existence of a World Conspiracy most of my life. Some of my forbearers saw it at work in Italy and France from 1820-60. I have read family letters speaking of it in Spain in 1890. My father started his business career in 1881 along the Mexican Border. He became aware of something as early as the 1890's in Mexico. He was also involved in the first outbreak, in 1905, in Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, where he sent down 300 rifles to help his friend, Col. Greene, defeat one of the first organized revolutionary developments on this continent. The flag of the Mexican Republic was lowered, and for the first time that I know of, the Red Flag was raised in the Western Hemisphere.

The Catholic Irish had gone all out in the Fenian Movement in Ireland and to some extent in America. Cardinal Cullen, after his long experience in Rome, where the Church had been under steady attack by the Conspiracy for over half a century, recognized the guiding hand behind this patriotic movement. There is some similarity between what is going on in Ulster today and the Fenian Movement. A century and a half of British misrule and stupidity have given the Conspirators this great opportunity to embarrass the now collapsed British Empire, and they are using poor little people like Bernadette Devlin and an old shopworn Holligan, the I.R.A., for this purpose. Cullen

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was a strong man and wasted no time. He stopped the Fenian Movement cold, but, being misunderstood, he completely lost the affection and admiration of the Irish people to which he was entitled.

It is only now, almost a century later, that an Oxford scholar has written a book that contains much of the truth about this great churchman. Present New Breed Catholics are very glad to forget Cardinal Cullen, because it was he who wrote the definition of Papal infallibility, which was adopted at Vatican I. (Please pardon these rather personal observations.)

So, let's leave the past and look to the present.

The J.B.S., Dr. Schwartz's outfit, Skousen's group, perhaps Curtis Dall's "Liberty Lobby", and a few other splinter groups are about all we have to work with. It ain't much, is it? But, neither was the Dutch boy at the Dike or Leonidas at Thermopylae. Anyway, we have to make the try.

It is my guess that we may have ~~three or four years to pull this one out~~. "Quien sabe?" as my Mexican friends say. Over the years, I have been pretty successful with my prognostications. (No Jean Dixon, of course - just a lot of study and hard work.) My main fault has been that I have been inclined to be premature. I predicted the 1929 stock market debacle early in 1928, and got some hell from my mother, whose affairs I was handling, while the market continued to rise until that fatal day in 1929. I envisioned our entry into World War II at the beginning of 1940, and I still have my notes on that one. As a result, I built a house on the Babacomari Ranch for my family in early 1941 and even got a new set of tires for my Lincoln a week before Pearl Harbor. (usually don't cut it that fine.)

But, enough is enough. I am sure the Council is well aware of the monetary collapse we face; the economic deterioration that seems inevitable; the treachery and treason in the State Department; and the steadily mounting attack on the military; the whole Civil Rights turmoil; the Chicano Revolt in the Southwest; and the growing chaos in the courts, in the churches and the educational world. The media, drugs and pornography have made considerable progress in breaking down the moral resistance of our country.

It is my thesis, however, that men are not so brilliant as the results of the Conspiracy would seem to indicate. Hence, there must be something Satanic behind it all. At least I can think of no other rationale. But, this is the sort of rationale that will not appeal to anyone who has been so brainwashed that he doesn't believe there is Satan.

The whole point of this is to emphasize that time is running out. We will have to make it before it is too late. May God give you all the inspiration and strength and guts to save this almost hopeless situation. You will recall that the Good Book advises: "Watch and pray." This we should do every day of our lives.

Ave atque vale!

My best to all,

Sincerely,

Frank C. Burge

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